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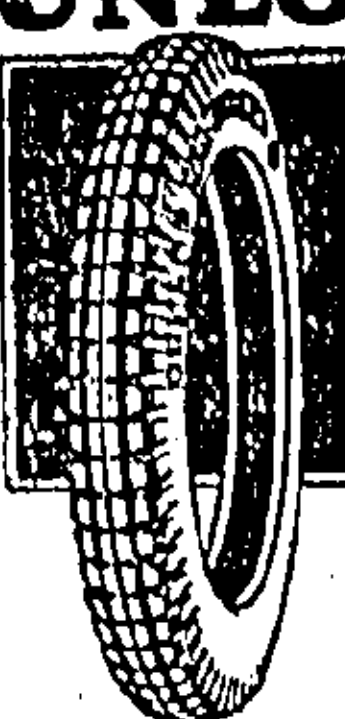
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SINKING RAPIDLY

DEATH NOW A MATTER OF DAYS.

West Jersey, Yesterday.
The inventor, Mr. Thomas A. Edison, is now semi-unconscious, and his death is only a matter of days.
He passed a fair night, but refused to eat to-day.

He is lying in his home at West Orange.—Reuter.

[According to cabled information a few days ago, his physician, Dr. Hubert Howe, visited the 84 year old inventor and after a lengthy examination reported that he had less interest in his surroundings and less vitality than ever before. Dr. Howe's reports indicated then that the aged inventor was slowly sinking. Mrs. Edison has been in constant attendance on her husband the whole of the time.]

NAVIGATION IN THE HARBOUR.

Warning to Vessels.

TWO NEW BUOYS.

It is notified at the Harbour Office that on and after to-day, until further notice, two red conical buoys will be laid in positions approximately 500 feet from the Praya front. One buoy will be on the centre line of Jubilee Street, approximately.

The buoys will be marked during the day by red flags and at night by red lights.

Vessels are warned not to pass between these buoys and the sea front.

After having read in the newspapers that a bible 333 years old had been found in Texas, M. Lejay, of Le Mans, has produced one 362 years old, bearing the imprint, "Printed on March 27, 1569."

It will be recalled that Mr. Edison became unwell a month or more ago, but in a few days recovered and was reported to have resumed his usual daily automobile drives — they were always about 50 miles — and enjoying them.]

FINANCIAL SUPREMACY

MR. THOMAS'S HEARTENING AND ENCOURAGING STATEMENT

CHEER UP, FAINT HEARTS!

U.K. YET THE WEALTHIEST COUNTRY IN WORLD.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Mr. F. H. Thomas, Secretary for Dominions, in an interview to-day emphasised the world-wide nature of the economic crisis and expressed the view that international measures would ultimately prove essential. Statesmen of the world, he said, must address themselves to the origins of the trouble which were rooted in reparations debts and currency problems. One of the first duties of the new Government would be to apply themselves to these international issues.

As to Imperial assent of Government's work Mr. Thomas said he hoped the National Government's Empire Policy would aim at making fuller use of the Em-

pire's immense resources. He expressed complete confidence that the United Kingdom was in no danger of losing her financial supremacy. Those who indulged such doubts might be reassured by considering the position before Britain returned to the Gold Standard in 1925.

"It was found then that we did not forfeit our position to the United States or any other country, because our knowledge of international commerce and finance and traditions and connections built up for over half a century were more important than the relation of our currency to gold. Our temporary difficulty must not obscure the essential strength of our position. We have been for over a century and we remain the

wealthiest country in Europe. Our foreign trade is greater than that of any other European country. Our banking system is absolutely sound and secure and, in this respect, contrasts favourably with that of countries whose currency is still on a gold basis. Our foreign assets run into thousands of millions of pounds. Though the pound is temporarily cut adrift from a fixed gold standard, our Budget is securely balanced and the Government and the Opposition too are inexorably opposed to inflation. Thus there is no reason whatever to anticipate any considerable or prolonged depreciation of sterling or any failure of this country to retain its financial leadership."—British Wireless Service.

AN INCIDENT IN THE CORTES.

Spanish Premier Resigns.

LATER WITHDRAWS.

Madrid, Yesterday.

Owing to an incident in the course of the sitting of the Cortes the Prime Minister, Zamora, left his seat, on the front Ministerial bench and took his seat among the Deputies, and said he had resigned.

Over a Dispute.

The Prime Minister's resignation followed a dispute with the Constitutional Committee in the course of a debate on the Article of Constitution providing gradual socialisation of private property. A member of the Committee attacked Zamora whereupon he resigned only withdrawing his resignation after a conciliatory speech by the Speaker, Besteiro, and a vote of confidence was passed with great applause.—Reuter.

Mrs. Peel, wife of Major Hugh Peel, Bryn-y-Pys, Ellesmere, Shropshire, died recently. She was a well-known sportswoman, and was owner of the steeplechaser Poethlyn, winner of the Grand National in 1919.

TIMELY RESCUE

DERELICT JUNK IN GULF OF TONKIN.

A SEA TALE

JUNK SINKS AS MEN TAKEN OFF.

The timely arrival of the Norwegian steamer Graciosa resulted in the rescue from drowning of the members of the crew of a junk which came to grief in the Gulf of Tonkin.

The rescue occurred on the afternoon of September 30. At that time the Graciosa was on a voyage to Hong Kong from Hongay. She was attracted to the wreck by signals of distress, and immediately hove to and made for the derelict, which was waterlogged and in imminent danger of sinking. The wreck had to be approached with the utmost difficulty, as it was realised that the slightest wash would cause her to sink.

After approaching as near as was safely possible, the Graciosa lowered a lifeboat which with the greatest caution went alongside the (Continued on Page 12.)

PRIMING POLITICAL GUNS

PREMIER TO FACE SEAHAM AS LABOURITE

POLLING DAY—OCTOBER 27

CONSERVATIVES HIGHLY SATISFIED LIBERALS NERVOUS.

London, Yesterday.

It is now officially announced that Parliament will be dissolved to-morrow. Nomination Day will, therefore, be October 16, and polling day October 27.

Mr. MacDonald will deliver a broadcast talk lasting twenty minutes on all transmitters at 9.20 p.m. to-morrow, but the actual first shot of the National Government's platform campaign will be fired on Friday when Mr. Stanley Baldwin addresses a mass meeting at the Birmingham Town Hall.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has decided to re-fight his present constituency of Seaham. He stated: "I remain a Labour member and shall fight as a Labour candidate."—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The date of the General Election has now been fixed. The Premier informed the House of Commons this afternoon that Parliament would be prorogued to-morrow, dissolution will follow, and the General Election will take place on Tuesday, October 27—three weeks from to-day. The new Parliament will meet on Tuesday, November 10. Arrangements have thus been made to reduce the delay incurred by a General Election to the minimum allowed by constitutional procedure.

After Parliament has been dissolved to-morrow, the Premier will issue a manifesto to the nation in which he will ask for a free hand to deal with any situation which may arise by any methods which appear most effective. Leaders of either Parties will send out appeals corresponding to that of the Prime Minister and within its terms.

Premier Decides to Contest Seaham.

Mr. MacDonald will again contest his old constituency, Seaham Harbour, Durham. In spite of the resolution of the local delegates' meeting passed by a majority of one disapproving of his action in becoming head of

the National Government, he has been again nominated as candidate and assured of support. His candidature also has been invited by several other constituencies.

The Premier said to-day: "I remain a Labour member, and I shall fight as a Labour Candidate. I shall use the colours of the Labour Party in whatever constituency I go."

During the next three weeks' campaign he will speak in several constituencies beside his own, including that of his son, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, and that of Mr. F. H. Thomas, Dominions Secretary, who in spite of the attitude of the local Labour Executive, will again contest Derby.

Conservatives Meeting at Birmingham.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin will address Birmingham Conservatives on Friday and intends to urge the need for "National Unity" and National Government at this time.

No Three-Cornered Contests.
It is probable that some arrangements will be made in constituencies to avoid three-cornered contests. Such arrangements will largely depend upon local conditions.

Mr. Lloyd George Opposed to Election.
It is understood that, while

Liberal Ministers unanimously acquiesce in an appeal to the country and have the approval of most Liberals in Parliament for the support they are giving to Mr. MacDonald and the National Government, the views of Mr. Lloyd George remain unchanged. He disapproves of an Election at the present time and also of the action taken by the Liberal Ministers.—British Wireless Service.

Conservatives Enthusiastic.

London, Yesterday.
Conservative satisfaction with the National Government's election decision was unmistakably demonstrated at a meeting of Conservative Members of the House of Commons which was addressed by Mr. Baldwin to-day. Enthusiasm increased as the meeting continued, and a vote of confidence was passed with acclamation.—Reuter.

Dissolution.

London, Yesterday.
The Prime Minister visited the King at Buckingham Palace at 9.15 this morning in order to tender advice for the dissolution of Parliament.—Reuter.

Prorogation.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons this afternoon Mr. MacDonald announced that Parliament would be prorogued on October 7, and that the King had consented to the dissolution.
The date of the dissolution would depend on how they could get the business through, and he hoped that it would be October 7. If so, polling day would be October 27.—British Wireless Service.

Public Relieved.

London, Yesterday.
The Government's decision to hold an immediate election has intensely relieved the public, which was generally agreed that an election is necessary and was anxious and dismayed over the protracted indecision of the Cabinet, which was causing the enthusiasm of its supporters to evaporate daily.

Manifesto Speculation.

Considerable speculation has been aroused over the wording of the manifesto which it is believed will be in the broadest terms, demanding the electorate's authorisation of any measure which the Government may think necessary to buttress the British currency and restore the trade balance, but it is not known whether tariffs will be specifically mentioned.

FAIR.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning says: The northern typhoon is about 500 miles E.N.E. of Apari, moving N.E. The eastern typhoon is 200 to 300 miles West of Guam, moving W.N.W.

There are indications of a depression S.W. of the Paracels.
Forecast:—E. winds, moderate, fair at first, some rain later.

The following telegrams were received in Hong Kong to-day by the U.S. Consulate-General:—

(1) Manila, October 7, 9.00 a.m.—Typhoon in about 128 deg. Long. E. and 21 deg. Lat. N., receding North-Eastward.
(2) Manila, October 7, 9.00 a.m.—Typhoon in about 140 deg. Long. E. and 14 deg. Lat. N., moving N.W.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day nil. Total since January 1—74.48 inches against an average of 77.60 inches—deficit 3.12 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 79
Pratas Island 79
Macao 77
Manila 77
Fochow 77
Amoy 80
Swatow 79
Chefoo 65
Shanghai 70

Liberal Split Deferred.

What arrangements will be made for Conservatives and Liberals not to contest the same seats has not yet been announced, but the Liberals so far appear to have achieved the seemingly impossible task of avoiding or deferring a Party split.

A Fiscal Compromise.

In view of the unanimity of the Cabinet it seems certain that the Conservatives and Liberals have both to some extent compromised their fiscal beliefs. The Liberal decision, which was taken in spite of Mr. Lloyd George's irrevocable attitude to tariffs was probably influenced by a resolution passed by 22 Liberals, headed by Sir John Simon last night pledging unconditional support of the Premier.

Press Reserved Comment.

While the Press is generally chary of comment pending further information regarding the grounds of agreement, the Conservative newspapers welcome the Cabinet decision.

The Liberal News Chronicle, however, says: "We are assured that no sacrifice of their views is required from either the free trade or the protectionist section of the Cabinet. It is difficult without further information to commence usefully on the extraordinary situation which results."—Reuter.

Comprehensive Administration.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The announcement that the period of uncertainty had ended has been received with general satisfaction. Although details are still awaited, and will not be fully known until the Prime Minister's manifesto has been issued, it is clear that the Prime Minister will make himself the rallying point of every shape of political opinion which agrees that until the financial and economic difficulties are overcome, the Conservatives, Liberals and Socialists should concentrate upon the highest common policy. A comprehensive administration is regarded as being as essential as a free hand to shape economic reform as the facts require.

The powers of the present Parliament are exhausted, and it had for long been recognised by many leading members of the Government, including some who were also members of the late Labour administration, that essential reforms would require either a united House of Commons or one in which a strong National Government could rely upon a safe majority.

Viscount Grey's Timely Intervention.

Lord Grey's timely intervention has done much to convince the Liberals that it was unreasonable for free traders to qualify their support of the National Government by insisting that tariffs should be excluded from its powers, as that the Conservatives should interpret the vote for a National Government as a vote for unlimited protection on party lines.

There is little doubt that the public generally is now thoroughly alive to the necessity for an immediate election, to permit of an active policy of reconstruction being undertaken by a wide-based administration, secure against embarrassment in the division lobbies.—British Wireless Service.

MANCHURIA POSITION TURN FOR WORSE

JAPAN ACCUSES CHINA OF SIN OF OMISSION

DOES IT MEAN WAR?

LEAGUE OF NATIONS CARRYING OUT AN INVESTIGATION.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Japan is protesting to China regarding the anti-Japanese movements in China. It is understood that Japan refrains from accusing Nanking of actually inciting the movement, but the protest takes Nanking severely to task for negligence in failing to take steps to check the anti-Japanese boycott.

In effect the protest accuses Nanking of sins of omission rather than commission, but it intimates that such sins are regarded equally seriously.

Japanese Cruiser Ordered to Shanghai.

Preparations are being made for the despatch of the cruiser Tokiwa to Shanghai with a landing party of bluejackets for protective purposes, as the Japanese armed forces at present available at Shanghai are fewer than those of the other Powers.

It is understood that 300 out of 700 bluejackets at present composing the Japanese landing parties at Shanghai will be sent to Hankow on the arrival of the Tokiwa, which will also carry 400 reinforcements.

Meanwhile, owing to the growing virulence of the anti-Japanese movements, the Cabinet is reported to have decided to order all Japanese living in the Yangtze districts to withdraw to Shanghai and Hankow, where further warships will be despatched to protect them if necessary.

Note Precipitating A Crisis.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The atmosphere of very tense expectation of the worst, pervading the Far East, has been crystallised by Japan's Note accusing Nanking of sins of omission and negligence to take steps to check the boycott, or, more properly

speaking, the China-wide campaign of non-co-operation with Japanese business men, which the Japanese Government views as equally serious, as the National Government is actually inciting the anti-Japanese movement.

The fact is that Japan is incensed at China's passivity, due to urgent instructions issued from Nanking forbidding active demonstrations against the Japanese.

The popular opinion is that Japan is prepared to take most drastic reprisals for any serious attack on Japanese in China Proper while the National Government is experiencing the greatest difficulty in restraining the intense antagonism of the Chinese people towards the Japanese.

Action on Behalf of League.

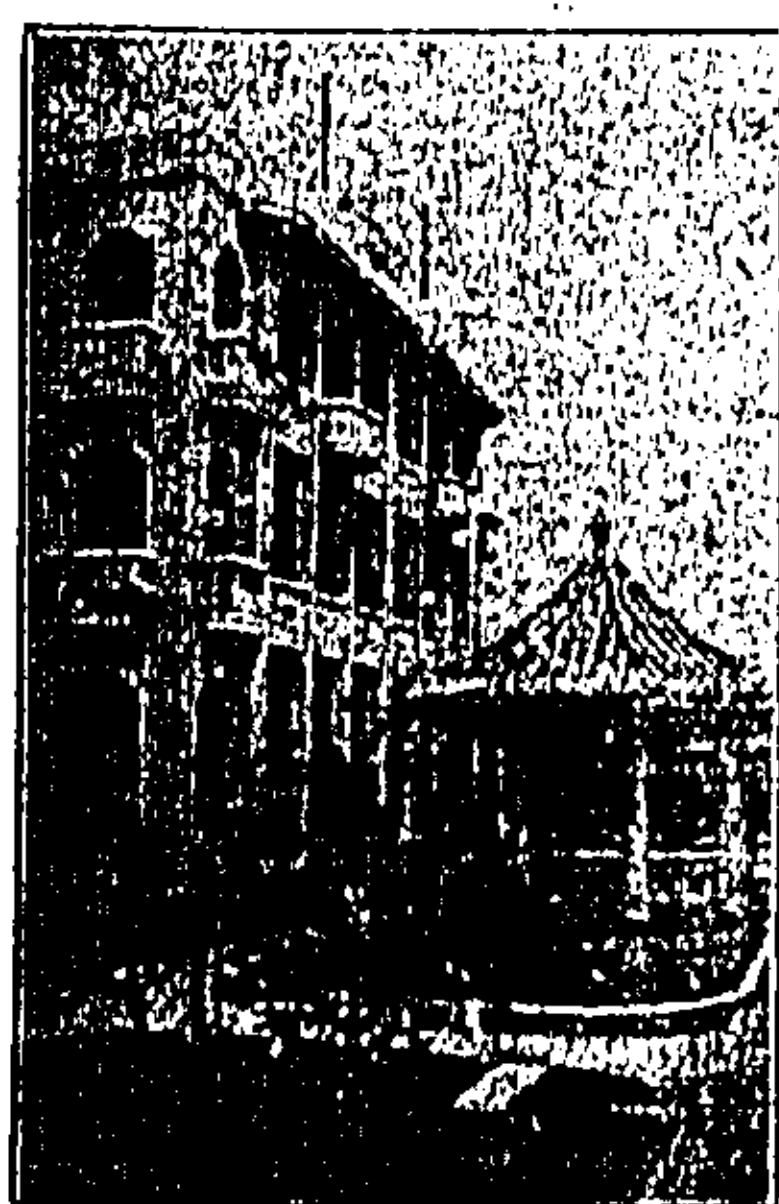
Shanghai, Yesterday.
Senor Eduardo Vazquez Ferrer, the Spanish Consul in Shanghai, sailed this morning for Dairen aboard the Japanese s.s. Hoken Maru.

It is learned that he is proceeding to Shenyang (Mukden), to Kirin and other places in Manchuria, on the instructions of Senor Lerroux, the Spanish Foreign Minister and the President of the League Council, to investigate the facts of the Japanese occupation.

Senor Lerroux has also instructed Senor Vazquez to check Japan's promise to remove her soldiery from Chinese territory into the railway zone.

League Kept Informed of Events.

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Chinese and Japanese delegations to the League continue to communicate to the League Secretariat copies of cablegrams from their respective Governments in regard to the situation in Manchuria.—Reuter.



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CINEMAS.Reviews from Official
Sources.

"3 GIRLS LOST."

The name of Loretta Young is always sufficient to bring this reviewer to a theatre with much anticipation. And when John Wayne, the meteoric hero of "The Big Trail" and the ever-delightful Lew Cody are also in the cast, the result is apt to be extremely pleasurable.

This is the case with "3 Girls Lost," Fox comedy drama which is now showing at the King's Theatre. Based on the story of Robert D. Andrews and directed by Sidney Lanfield, "3 Girls Lost" turns out to be a highly diverting tale of a trio of damsels from many country towns, who go to Chicago to seek the not incompatible combination of jobs and romance.

"DAYBREAK"

That love, sooner or later, will catch up with you, is the theme which is woven through the engrossing story of "Daybreak," the new Ramon Novarro Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer vehicle, which is showing at the Queen's Theatre.

"Daybreak" deserves all the praise it has been given as a stage play. Novarro and the French director, Jacques Feyder, have indeed enhanced in the talkie the original charm of this sophisticated drama.

Novarro, as the Viennese lieutenant, Willi Kasda, is seen in a role quite different from the Spanish lovers of his two most recent pictures, "In Gay Madrid" and "Call of the Flesh." As the immaculately garbed lieutenant, with a monocle in one eye, Novarro sends one's memories back to "The Student Prince." Kasda, however, is a more modern hero than the "Prince." He is an up-to-date love adventurer, with so many conquests that he has come to think of love as merely a game, not at all to be taken seriously.

Supporting roles are ably played by William Bakewell, Karen Morley, Kent Douglas, Glean Trvon, and Clyde Cook.

"A CONNECTICUT YANKEE"

Will Rogers, whose newest, Fox production, Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee" opens on Saturday at the King's Theatre. Rogers sprang from humble beginnings. Born in Indian Territory, his earliest work was that of ranch hand. After considerable struggle he obtained a small time vaudeville booking.

Big time vaudeville scouts spotted him, and he rapidly climbed to fame as a headliner. From vaudeville he graduated to Ziegfeld productions. When the talkies arrived Rogers became a star at once. He has made three of these for Fox, "They Had To See Paris," "So This Is London," and "Lightnin'."

Selection of his present vehicle, "A Connecticut Yankee," was an ideal one, combining as it does the wit and humour of America's two greatest humorists, Twain and Rogers. He is supported by such able players as Maureen O'Sullivan, Myrna Loy, Frank Albertson and William Farnum.

"ON WITH THE SHOW."

Louise Fazenda, who plays the part of the lovelorn Sarah, in "On With the Show," Warner Bros. first 100 per cent. natural colour, talking, singing, dancing Vitaphone picture, coming to-morrow to the Queen's

Theatre, occupies a niche all her own in the realm of motion pictures. She is universally recognised as the screen's leading comedienne.

Entering pictures in 1918 as an extra, Miss Fazenda became a member of the famous group of Mack Sennett artists, which included Charlie Chaplin and Gloria Swanson. In 1921, the actress joined Warner Bros., with whom she has remained.

LIBERAL LEADERS
EXPLAIN.

(Continued from Page 7.)

"We have to buy from abroad the food for the people of this country. The wage earners have to get the bulk of their food from abroad. If our financial credits go and our currency depreciates there will be a rise in the prices of food and a scarcity in what we can get from abroad.

"Now take the question of the dole. As I understand, one of the proposals of the present Government, or the proposal at any rate on which the Labour Cabinet split, was to reduce the dole by 10 per cent. That would mean that 30s. of dole would become 27s. Is not that better than to say, in order to be popular in the country, that you will go on giving 30s., and then to pursue a policy which will make that 30s. worth only 20s. or 15s? (Cheers.)

"What has brought us to the present pass? The fact that other countries believe that our national expenditure is more than our national income, that we are living upon our capital; and unfortunately that is true.

"The crisis is so great that I am sure it cannot be met solely by reductions of expenditure. There will have to be taxation in some form or another, and I would ask people not to be misled by the fact that the propaganda on the other side is suggesting that the whole burden is to be borne simply by the poorer classes, because I am sure it is not true. It cannot be so.

"We Shall Come Through. "I believe that we shall come through this crisis as we have come through previous crises in our history. We shall come through it because the country really in a national crisis unites itself as a nation and overrides sectional feeling.

"I support this Government because I believe it is the only way in which the crisis can be faced, and that the Opposition to-day would lead to ruin and national disaster." (Cheers.)

The Marquis of Crewe urged that it was the duty of Liberals to address meetings in the country to explain the facts of the situation and to expose Socialist fallacies.

After a discussion the following resolution was proposed:—

"That the meeting enthusiastically acclaims the patriotic action of the leaders of the party in coming to the aid of the nation at a moment of crisis."

All the Liberal members of Parliament and Peers supported the motion.

Of all the degraded forms of vegetation ever imported into this country, the pelargonium is one of the worst.—Mr. C. Williams, M.P.

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ROGERS

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A Connecticut Yankee NEXT

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.50 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Recorded Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7.03-7.30 p.m.—Band Selections.

Russian Fantasy
(arr. Lange & Somers),
Petticoat Lane (arr. Parry),
Debroy Somers Band (1930).

Voyage on a Troopship (arr. Miller),
Regimental Band of H.M.
Grenadier Guards (DX8).

Ivan Caryl Memories (I. Caryl),
Paul Rubens Memories (P. Rubens),
Debroy Somers Band (1932).

7.30-7.44 p.m.—Octets.

On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn),
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet

(1927).

Largo in G (Handel arr. Sear),
Rondo Capriccioso (Mendelssohn),
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet

(1917).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

7.44-9.30 p.m.—A Selection of Records kindly loaned by a Listener.

7.44-7.58 p.m.—Humorous Numbers.

Because I Love You,
My Blue Heaven Grace Fields,
Virginia (There's a Blue Ridge
in My Heart),
He's Tall, Dark and Handsome,
Sophie Tucker and Ted
Shapiro.

7.58-8.28 p.m.—
Unfinished Symphony in B Minor
(Schubert),
The Royal Opera Orchestra
Convent Garden Conducted
by Eugene Goossens.

1st Movement—Allegro Moderato.
2nd Movement—Andante con moto.
8.28-8.42 p.m.—Humorous Numbers.

How About Me?
Oh, You Have No Idea,
Grace Fields,
Aren't Women Wonderful,
He Hadn't Up Till Yesterday,
Sophie Tucker and Ted
Shapiro.

8.42-9.09 p.m.—Piano Solos.
Ballade No. 1 in C Minor (Chopin),
Robert Casadesu.

Staccato Etude (Rubenstein),
La Campanella (Paganini-Liszt),
Mitscha Levitzki.
Ballad No. 3 (Chopin),
Benno Moisewitsch.

9.09-9.30 p.m.—
Symphony No. 39 in E Flat (Mozart),
Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

1st Movt.—Adagio Allegro.
2nd Movt.—Andante.
3rd Movt.—Minuet Allegretto.
4th Movt.—Finale Allegro.
9.30-9.54 p.m.—Operatic.

Song—
Traviata (Verdi),
Gertrude John (Soprano)
(1909).

Vocal Gems—
Maritana (Wallace),
Doris Vane, Francis Russell,
Dennis Noble, Clara
Serena and Chorus (1922).

Organ Solo—
The Valkyries—The Ride of the
Valkyries (Wagner),
Quentin M. MacLean (DX66).

Song—
Il Trovatore—Tempest of the Heart
(Verdi),
Dennis Noble (Baritone)
(1956).

9.54-10.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
Bitter Sweet—Vocal Gems,
Columbia Light Opera Co.

The Singing Fool—Selection,
Debroy Somers Band (19754).

Blue Eyes—Blue Eyes,
Blue Eyes—Do I Do Wrong?
Evelyn Laye and Geoffrey
Gwyther (1934).

Lady Mary—Vocal Gems,
Columbia Light Opera Co.
(1919).

10.33 p.m.—Close Down.

The funeral took place at Woking last month of Mr. Ernest Field, of Kingston-on-Thames, who for many years was honorary secretary of the Sailing Club. In 1879-80 he was one of the full-backs in the Clapham Rovers team, which won the F.A. Cup, and he played for England against Scotland from 1879-81.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dance at King's Restaurant.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre:
"3 Lost Girls."

To-day—Queen's Theatre:
"Daybreak."

To-day—Central Theatre:
"The Iron Man."

To-day—Majestic Theatre:
"The Storm."

To-day—Star Theatre:
"Untamed."

Home Mails:
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Naldera).

Friday—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Vogtland).

Meetings.
To-morrow—Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Jardine, Matheson Co.'s Board Room, 5.15 p.m.

Friday—Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 2 Lower Albert Road, 10.45 a.m.

Lammer's Auction.
To-morrow—At Sales Room, 140 cases wine, 11 a.m.

Friday—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
Monday—Sale of Work (M.C.L. Children's Club), at Peak Club, 3.30 p.m.

According to published statistics, 40 per cent. of all married couples in Germany have no children. In Berlin the percentage is stated to be 54.

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Faithfully, from Colombo Sub.
Quien Lesueur, 12, Conduit Rd. from Singapore.

Platform, from Colombo Sub.
Sailmakers, from Rawalpindi.
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Hong Kong, October 1, 1931.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

Bobo, from Shanghai.
Board Paper, from Oslo.
Metal Trade, from Yokohama.

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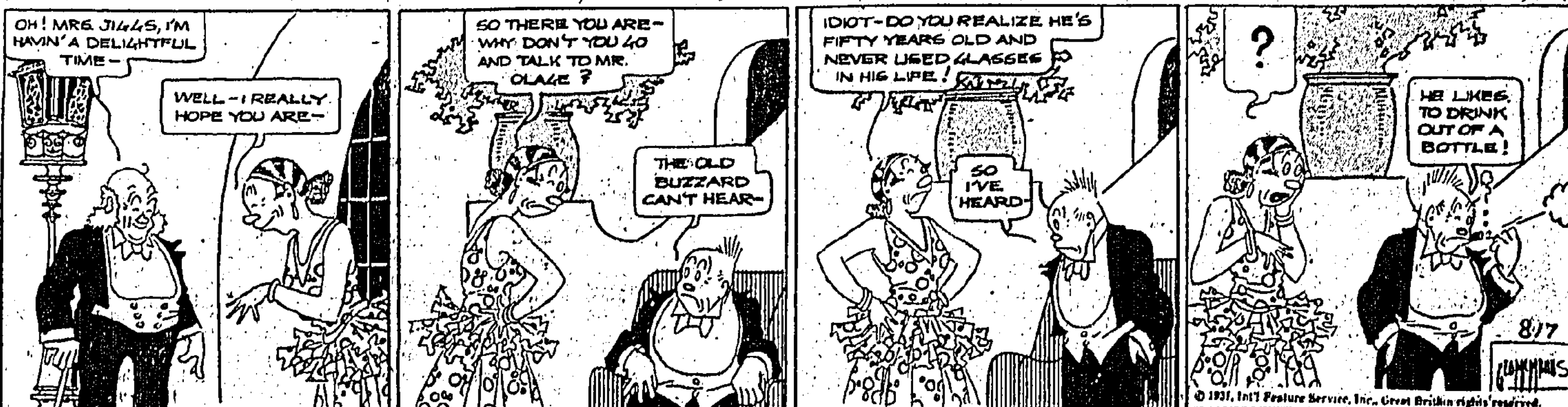
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

MEDWAY WIN AT HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. Take Time to Settle Down.

BETTER SIDE LOSE.

At King's Park yesterday the Y.M.C.A. suffered their second defeat of the season when they went down before H.M.S. Medway by a goal to nil.

The naval side opened the game with refreshing vigour, their long passing tactics rattling the "Y" defence. The only goal of the match was scored in the first half when the Medway centre forward broke through and scored from close quarters.

Once they had settled down the Y.M.C.A. displayed a definite superiority and were unfortunate in not equalising and taking the lead when McLellan hit the post with a beautiful drive and Selk went very near from close quarters. The main obstacle confronting the home team was the slowness of their inside forwards and their ineffectiveness in front of goal. Selk was again undoubtedly the most dangerous forward on the field.

Result:—
Y.M.C.A. 0
H.M.S. Medway 1
Y.M.C.A.—L. D. Skinner, A. Tate, F. Allen, R. A. Bates, D. McLellan (captain), F. S. W. Smith, G. C. Burnett, F. Parker, S. Selk, W. H. Smith, and T. J. Price.

K.B.S.F.P.A. LADIES IN DRAWN GAME.

Y.M.C.A. Second Eleven Checked.

On the K.B.S.F.P.A. ground, King's Park, yesterday, the K.B.S. Ladies' drew with the Y.M.C.A. second eleven, both sides scoring once.

Miss M. Groundwater scored for the ladies and H. Muller for the visitors, who played nine men throughout the game.

SECOND ELEVEN OF Y.M.C.A.

To Play Jat Regiment To-morrow.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. second eleven against the 3/9th Jat Regiment to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.:

L. D. Skinner; A. Tate (captain), W. Stoker; G. Mitchell, R. A. Bates, S. Sweet; H. Muller, W. H. Smith, S. Selk, A. R. Brown, and H. Hargreaves.

ARGYLLS REGISTER BIG WIN.

Weak Radio Eleven Defeated.

McTAVISH BRILLIANT.

Playing on the U.S.R.C. ground on Monday a strong Argyll eleven defeated the Radio Sports Club by nine goals to nil.

At half time the Argylls crossed over with a five goal lead. McTavish, their centre forward, was in deadly form within the circle and was in no small way responsible for the soldiers' big win.

It must, however, be said in fairness to the Radio Sports Club that they played six reserves in their eleven.

Result:—
Argylls 9
Radio S.C. 0

FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES.

Revised List for Next Saturday.

The following is the official list of revised fixtures for Saturday:—

Division I.
Police v. St. Joseph's, St. Joseph's ground.
Club v. Argylls, Club ground.
Borderers v. Navy, Sookunpoo.
Kowloon F.C. v. Club de Recreo, K.F.C. ground.

Division II.
12th Heavy Battery R.A. v. University, Chatham Road.
Navy v. Kowloon F.C., Navy ground.

(Continued in next Column.)

SHANGHAI BOWLERS' GOOD WIN.

First Match Won by Eleven Shots.

MODERATE OPPOSITION.

The Shanghai Interport bowlers experienced little difficulty in defeating a weak combination at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday afternoon, the visitors winning their first match by 27 shots to 16.

Shanghai were without the services of G. B. Stormes, one of their best bowlers, who has not yet arrived in the Colony, while C. Richards stood down.

Shanghai.		Brawn's Rink.	
Shots	Total	Shots	Total
1	4	1	1
2	—	4	—
3	—	1	2
4	2	6	—
5	4	10	2
6	—	10	4
7	—	10	1
8	—	10	2
9	1	12	—
10	1	11	—
11	4	10	9
12	—	16	1
13	—	16	4
14	1	17	—
15	1	18	14
16	—	18	1
17	4	22	15
18	2	24	15
19	1	25	15
20	—	25	1
21	2	27	16

The Shanghai bowlers are to meet a rink drawn from members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club this afternoon, the match being again played on the Kowloon B.G.C. green. A. M. Holland will skip the quartette with R. S. Nichol as No. 1, R. Hall No. 2, and E. W. Hogbin No. 3.

Club v. Argylls, Club ground.
R.A.O.C. v. Borderers, Sookunpoo.
Division III.
R.E. v. Club de Recreo, St. Joseph's ground.
Radio S.C. v. Borderers, Recreo ground.

YACHTING NOTES

By "Chau Kung."

Last week-end saw the departure to Shanghai of three members of the team chosen to represent the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in an interport match. The members chosen were Mr. H. Dreyer, Major J. H. Barry and Major P. G. Stewart, who will captain the side.

Major Stewart will call upon H.M.S. Hermes to provide another helmsman should Shanghai decide to make the match one of four aside. The Club is fortunate in being able to get such a good side together for the trip, all have had considerable experience of centre-board boat sailing and Mr. Dreyer has actually owned one of the "Byrne" class in which it is understood that the match will be decided. I am sure that they will put up a good show and may be relied on to try all they know to keep up Hong Kong's record of victories—of the three matches that have been decided so far all have been won by the Southern Port.

The match is to be decided on the 10th and 11th of this month, and if a cold spell should be experienced it is to be hoped there'll be no upsets!

Less than a fortnight will see the Club fleet gathering at the Starting Line for the first race of the season which I understand is to be a "Menagerie" race for all Racing Yachts. The course set for Saturday, October 17, is:—

- (i) Channel Rocks (P);
(ii) Kowloon Rocks (P);
(iii) Mark on Line (P);
(iv) Lyemun Beacon (S) = 8.72 miles.

If the wind be in the East Sector this makes as good a course as one can wish for. A triangular course for the first half, with a windward and return second half, giving every opportunity to test out the trim of boat, sails and gear.

One familiar face will be missed from the Handicap class, Mr. A. L. Shields, who is going home on leave, has disposed of his "La Linda," the new owner will find that he will have the best of fun in what should be a very hot class. The other boats remain with their old owners.

I have heard that there is a suggestion that the six newer "Heyward Heys" shall sail with the 3 remaining "One Design" boats making a class of 9 and if this should prove to be the case then this will, I think, be the scene of the hottest fray. No quarter will be asked and none given. I predict that more new sails will be seen in this class than have appeared in any class in the whole of the Club's History. I believe Y's 1, 3, 4 & 6 and I. 1 & 3 have been interviewing A Lung on this matter!

The remaining Y's will probably be combined with the G's and should make a good class of 6 or 7 boats giving close racing. I hear Mr. Grist has taken over "Joan" and if he gets her "trim" as he did that of "Ailsa" then other members of the class will need to keep their weather-eye clear to see the way she goes.

A pronouncement on a suggested New One Design Class for the

Club is likely to be made at the annual general meeting. I have no particulars as to arrangements being made for the inauguration of the class but understand that the suggestion is for a 20 square metre class boat by the well-known Norwegian designer Johan Anker. The "20 sq.-metres" are proving to be an exceedingly popular boat in European waters and have also spread to the U.S.A. If such a class be started here it will afford helmsmen an opportunity of racing in an international class so making them more confident for entering when at home.

I feel sure that the Club will receive all possible help from the designer who made a great name for himself by the sporting way in which he sailed his own designed "Unni" when she challenged the Royal Northern Yacht Club for the Seawanhaka Cup which had been captured from America by the redoubtable Colla III. owned and sailed by Mr. John Stephens.

An acquaintance of mine also had the pleasantest recollections of dealings with Anker in the following circumstances. He had ordered a new 12 metre from Anker and had arranged with him to have it built in Norway. He suddenly realised at the beginning of May that the 1st match for the class was arranged for the end of the month—at Harwick, I believe it was with this realisation came the thought that no definite statement had been made as to delivery; so he wired to Anker saying he wished to race at Harwick and what was Anker, doing about delivery. In 3 days he got a wire to the effect, "Boat will be ready; shall deliver her myself and would much like to race with you." Anker skipped the boat across the North Sea, they raced in the first match of the season and gained first place.

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FRENCH RUGBY SPLIT WIDER THAN EVER.

Gloomy Prospects for New Season.

BITTERED RELATIONS.

French Rugby football is still in a state of chaos. Approach of the 1931-32 season brings with it rumblings which are already heralding a renewal of the storm in which the last season wound up.

British enthusiasts who deplore the split in French Rugby and the consequent breaking-off of international relations, will search in vain for any evidence that the leaders of the French Rugby Federation and the French Amateur Rugby Union have put the summer months to any profitable use in the cause of reconciliation.

Rather do the sides appear to have dropped the white flag and dug themselves into their positions, and, in the picturesque words credited to M. De Luz, president of the French Amateur Rugby Union (the dissident organisation) — "If we do not come to an agreement it will be war to the knife, and that war I shall make."

It is alleged on behalf of the French Rugby Federation—the original and parent organisation—that the rebel forces have been using the close season for the purpose of drawing Federation clubs away with handsome promises.

The result is, says M. Dantou, the dissidents, who loudly proclaim their aims of suppressing brutality and sham-amateurism and playing the game according to best British traditions, have seen their ranks enriched by the addition, among others, of one club which was thrown out of the Federation for repeated acts of brutality, and another in whose offence, M. Dantou says, he will have the charity not to insist.

The present situation is that the new power in French Rugby is definitely established with its maxim of "The game for the game's sake," and its statutes and rule-book modelled on those of the British Union. It can no longer be treated as an incoherent band of disgruntled officials.

Even the Federation people have given up all hope of their returning to the old allegiance, and the solution must be some form of fusion on a basis which will assure the proper conduct of the game. Only then will the resumption of international matches with the British Unions be possible.

Relations at the moment have become so embittered that a satisfactory settlement seems a distant prospect. Still more distant is the reform and purification of the game, which alone will enable the glorious days of Franco-British tussles at Colombes, Twickenham, Murrayfield, etc., to be lived again.—Evening News.

K.B.S.F.P.A. RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Last Trial Before the First Match.

The following have been selected to play in the last trial match of the K.B.S.F.P.A. (Rugby Section) this afternoon at King's Park at 5.15:—

Whites: Cpl. Frankham; J. Jenner, T. Whitley, Lt. Keith Murray, J. J. Ferguson; G. C. Burnett, D. F. Kilby; E. O. Murphy, B. Bonham, W. Stoker, R. Whitwell, J. White, L. Tomlin, A. Mitchell, and R. Dormer.

Colours: L. D. Skinner; H. Muller, J. S. Crozier, J. Edwards, A. Blumenthal; A. James, D. Black; G. C. Moss, J. M. Purvis, S. MacNider, T. Riddell, W. L. Mackenzie, Dr. Cogan, J. E. Wilson and L. Brayham.

Reserves: H. Brokenshire, G. B. Gurevitch, M. Burgeau, J. Summers and L. Hardy.

On the result of this trial a fifteen will be selected to represent the newly-formed Club against the Machine Gun Troop, H.K.V.D.C., at King's Park next Sunday.

As several of the above mentioned players have found it impossible to play this afternoon, it is hoped that all members will make an effort to turn up in order that two full fifteens will be fielded. These turning up are assured of a game as changes will be made at half time.

RADIO SPORTS CLUB ELEVEN.

To Play the Recreation This Afternoon.

In their match against the Club de Recreation at King's Park this afternoon, commencing at 5.15, the following will represent the Radio Sports Club: Surjit Singh (captain), A. E. G. Guest, P. Singh, Atma Singh, Kushi Mohamed, Chanan Singh, M. Hanib, R. Khan, G. Singh, Kalwant Singh and F. A. Kemp. Reserve: Spary. Referee: J. T. K. Gilchrist.

SUNDAY CRICKET AT UNIVERSITY.

Volunteers Eleven Selected.

The following will represent the Volunteers in their match against the University on Sunday next, October 11, commencing at 2 p.m.—A. C. Beck, J. E. Richardson, R. R. Davies, N. A. E. Mackay, G. C. Burnett, J. P. Whitam, R. H. Griffiths, A. Reid, F. Baker, L. D. Kilbey and R. Stillard.

R. MIKI MEETS WITH DEFEAT.

Surprised by Oxford Player.

EASTBOURNE TOURNEY.

Eastbourne, Sept. 11. Good progress was made in the South of England Lawn Tennis Championships here to-day, in less pleasant weather conditions than yesterday, the sun shining only fitfully and there being a rather cold wind.

In the men's singles C. E. Malfroy was disappointing against J. Satoh, but in extenuation of his failure to win more than one game in each set it should be stated that Satoh was at the very top of his form, driving with lightning speed from and to every part of the court. It was about the best display of forceful hitting Satoh has given since his arrival in England, and was quite a revelation even to those who had seen him before.

V. G. Kirby beat E. R. Avory in an interesting encounter. Avory went all out from the start, and was rewarded by winning the first set at 7-5, but the effort had taken too much out of him, and he could not cope with Kirby's driving and superb volleying in the next two sets, in which he could only secure one game.

C. H. Kingsley and J. S. Olliff had an up-and-down match full of good play. After being led 5-3 in the first set Kingsley won four games to take it. He lost the second set to love, and then, though Olliff led him 4-3 in the third set, he took the next three games for the match.

The great surprise of the day came when R. K. Tinkler defeated R. Miki, the holder. This was a brilliant hard-hitting game, and anybody's match right up to the finish. It is a long time since any Oxford player put up such a fine performance, and great credit is due to Tinkler, who succeeded where so many have failed. His game, powerful at all points, was too good for Miki when the crisis came in the final set, in which Tinkler kept the lead to the end. Not often has the Devonshire Park heard such applause as followed the last stroke of this match.

hole of the second round had been played. Soulbly, however, cracked badly to lose each of the next three holes and with them the match.

HOME RUGBY UNION RESULTS.

Harlequins & Richmond Victorious.

London, Sept. 26. The following were the results of the Rugby Union games played to-day:—

Birkenhead	3	Blackheath	8
Bristol	16	Coventry	11
Gloucester	12	Cardiff	11
Guy's	9	Plymouth	6
Harlequins	19	Rosslyn	5
Richmond	21	Old Leysians	0
O.M.T.	13	St. Barts	11
Blackheath	3	Portsmouth S.	9

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

HOCKEY—To-day—Hong Kong H.C. v. H.K.S.R.A.; Recreation v. Radio Sports Club.

To-morrow—Y.M.C.A. II. v. 3rd Jut Regiment.

Friday—Hong Kong H.C. "A" v. Borderers.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-day—K.B.S.F.P.A. Trial Game.

LAWN BOWLS—To-day—Shanghai v. Kowloon B.G.C.

To-morrow—Shanghai v. Kowloon C.C.

Friday—Shanghai v. Kowloon D.R.C.

Saturday—Hong Kong v. Shanghai.

MEETING—Friday—Kowloon Chess Club at 5.30 p.m.

RACING—Saturday—Ninth Extra Race Meeting.

CRICKET—Sunday—University v. Volunteers.

ABROAD.

FOOTBALL—Saturday—Full League Programme.

WHITE CITY THE NEW HEADQUARTERS.

British A.A.A. Moving from the Bridge.

"NATURAL HOME."

It is officially stated that the Amateur Athletic Association intend to transfer their headquarters from Stamford Bridge to the White City Stadium.

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MOTOR AMBULANCE

Received on Loan by Government.

At Government House yesterday afternoon, His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel), in the presence of a gathering of members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and their friends, received on loan for the Colony, the new motor ambulance of the Brigade, which is to go into service at Kowloon.

After inspecting the ambulance, Sir William said that on behalf of the Government and the Colony generally he accepted with great pleasure the loan of the ambulance which the St. John Ambulance Brigade had provided, and particularly on behalf of Kowloon by whom the latest ambulance was to be used.

This was the third ambulance that the Brigade had provided for the use of the Colony in a little over fifteen or sixteen months, and he would guarantee on behalf of the Government to provide the

POSSESSION OF PAMPHLETS.

School Boy to Spend Vacation in Jail.

(Before Mr. Williams.)

Lim Pak-chuen, a student of the Lim Pak School, Canton, appeared on remand this morning and pleaded guilty to the possession of four pamphlets of an inciting nature. Inspector Booker, prosecuting, informed the Magistrate that one of the papers was merely a history of the Chinese nation, and did not contain sedition. He explained that defendant was on seven days' vacation, and that a schoolmaster gave the pamphlets to all the pupils prior to their departure. Remarking that a week in prison was sufficient punishment, his Worship convicted the defendant and cautioned him.

THE LINDBERGH.

Arrive at Woosung.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh, aboard a Hermes launch, landed at Woosung at 5 o'clock this evening. They were met by the U.S. Consul-General and Mrs. Cunningham, the Chairman of the S.M.C., Mr. Macnaghen and a few others. The reception was very quiet. Mrs. Anne Lindbergh is obviously affected by her father's death. The party motored eighteen miles to the American Consulate where they are staying. All their engagements have been cancelled. Col. Lindbergh stated that at present they had made no plans as to their future movement.—Reuter.

staff and the maintenance necessary. It was only a short time ago that he took over the last ambulance presented by the Brigade, and he could not find sufficient words to express his thanks, but he would read the words that the Prince of Wales used at the annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, when he said: "The importance of ambulance service and first aid is nowadays universally recognised, and I congratulate all members of the Brigade on the spirit in which they carry out their most admirable and devoted work." The Governor said he would offer similar congratulations to the Hong Kong Division in spite of his difficulty of finding anything new to say.

The activities of the Brigade were continuous and he would like to thank the Brigade and Mr. Trevor and his railway division for the work they did on the occasion of the unfortunate rioting at Kowloon. They had been of immense service, at a time when vehicles and men were difficult to be found. At the conclusion of the function, those present were served with tea.

AN UNLICENSED PRINTING PRESS.

"Horrible Hand Machine."

TO BE CONFISCATED.

(Central Police Court.)

Mr. Lai Fuk-yuen, manager of the Chung Wah Yat Po, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield this morning, for being in possession of an unlicensed printing press.

Pleading guilty on behalf of the defendant, Mr. J. T. Prior said the case was so mild that it could hardly be called one. The defendant was the licensee of a very respectable Chinese newspaper, the Chung Wah Yat Po, and at its premises there were two large printing presses which were fully licensed, and the news printed on them was censored. In a corner of the premises lay "this horrible hand machine, covered in dust" which the proprietor knew nothing about. The machine could print cards, a little larger than the ordinary European visiting card, at two or five a minute.

It was perfectly useless for propaganda work, although it was not suggested in this case that it was being used for that purpose. It was valued at present for about \$20. Probably the way it came into the premises, though he (Mr. Prior) was only guessing, was that a foki who had not given himself up, bought the machine cheap, probably with the idea of printing cards at the China New Year, thereby making a little extra money for himself. Mr. Prior added that he could question the fact that all printing machines used at the Fair were licensed? He asked for a nominal penalty.

His Worship registered a conviction against the defendant and administered a caution, remarking that he hoped it would be brought to the notice of the other Chinese newspapers. He further ordered, on application by the Police, the confiscation of the printing press.

MUST BUILD TO PLANS APPROVED.

Contractor Fined.

Chan Chik, contractor, engaged on erecting buildings adjoining the the Sailors and Soldiers' Home at Wanchai, was fined \$60 by Mr. W. Schofield this morning for making material divergence from an approved plan, by increasing the clear height on the ground floor of the two houses.

Defendant's architect, Mr. J. S. Gibson, made an unavailing plea on behalf of the contractor, for the Magistrate said:

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1931.

To Help China.

The latest newspapers from Home disclose that the Society of Friends, more popularly known as the Quakers, who are always prominent in big relief enterprises, are said to be considering a scheme for helping China by sending her some of the surplus wheat and cotton of the world in some of Britain's surplus ships. Those terrific floods, which are reported to have destroyed a million people, have left at least ten millions completely destitute or starving. On the other hand, the world is suffering from a glut of wheat, cotton, and ships. The plan — very simple in principle — is to bring the two together.

Unfortunately, while the majority of people would heartily applaud the execution of such an idea, it will be very difficult to carry out in practice. The farmers of Canada would be only too glad to get rid of their wheat at a sacrifice; the cotton industry would similarly be delighted to see the surplus stocks being used up; shipowners would cheerfully provide the ships to carry the goods to China. But even at the lowest prices, a large amount of money would be required to finance the scheme and this, presumably, would have to take the form of a special loan to China, besides special arrangements for securing the commodities wanted at a sacrifice value.

The League of Nations is called upon to make an international arrangement, and, indeed, it has already discussed the possibility of a permanent scheme of first aid in such cases. But can it quickly devise and put in operation a plan which will be effective for China's instant need?

The Quakers, of course, are not alone in planning for the mitigation of the terrible distress created by the great floods. An appeal was published in our columns yesterday by a local Committee of Catholics. It was there stated:—
"The lead for the Catholics to do their bit in this noble work has been given by His Holiness

Pius XI, who contributed a quarter of a million lire, and was amongst the very first to send his charity. Now Pius XI's representative in China, the Apostolic Delegate, Mgr. C. Costantini, with a circular letter to all the Bishops of China dated September 12 last, has also mobilised, for the same purpose, the forces of the 'Catholic Action' all over the country, asking them to collect whatever funds they can towards alleviating this calamity. On behalf of the 'Catholic Action' of Hong Kong, the Committee takes the liberty of soliciting donations, no matter how small, from Churches, Catholic Associations and schools and from the public generally, to aid the worldwide effort in favour of the sufferers. . . . The amount will be remitted to the Apostolic Delegation in order to ensure distribution where most needed and as promptly as possible."

Another side of the picture is expressed in an article in the latest issue of the Far Eastern Review, which regrettably states: "It is a sad commentary on the patriotism of a people when the greatest flood calamity in history causing the death of millions by drowning, starvation, and disease, could not bring their warring leaders together in order to relieve the sufferings of their own people. With bumper crops of cereals in Manchuria sufficient to feed from the surplus all the starving people in the Yangtze; with a system of Government-owned railways that could deliver this food to Hankow within three days, Nanking has been compelled to seek her relief wheat in the United States, pay for it at current market rates with borrowed money, mill it into flour and ship it in foreign bottoms across the Pacific and up the Yangtze to the flooded districts. The Chinese officials who control the cereal crops in Manchuria, bought from the farmer with worthless paper notes, have shown no disposition to answer the call of humanity, of nationalism, of patriotism, or the appeals to their charity and save the lives of their fellow countrymen in the South (in the Yangtze Valley). These forcible words are happily

relieved by the praiseworthy efforts in Nanking, Canton, Hong Kong, and even London and Geneva, to throw out the life-belt to the Yangtze flood victims and to save thousands more from death by starvation or disease. No humanitarian work on behalf of the Chinese or any other race will go unrewarded. The alleged slothfulness of Chinese officials in Manchuria is the greater reason for Chinese officials elsewhere in China accelerating practical measures of relief. They can be assured of something more than moral support by foreigners not only in China but right throughout the universe.

From Other Pens.

The Bird Test.

Folk without prospect of getting out of town with the holiday crowds may find consolation in reflecting that some of our great men have preferred tricks and mortar to green fields or blue sea. Dr. Johnson, of course, declared that the man who tired of London must be tired of life, and scoffed at those who pleaded the need of "a change." Charles Lamb, too, was never happy long outside the London radius, and once, when induced to make a seaside tour, noted the various kinds and degrees of boredom and misery afforded by the different resorts he visited.

Perhaps the extremest of all contempters of rural life, however, was Victor Hugo's friend Charles Monselet, who, when reproached for never quitting Paris, retorted, "The country? Pish! It is the place where the birds are raw."—Manchester Guardian.

Beautiful or Beautifully?

While Mary sings beautifully—according to the rules that govern correct usage—why is it that she looks beautiful, rather than beautifully? That is, why does the verb sing take the adverb, while the verb look is followed by the adjective?

Consider the sentence: She is beautiful. No one would think of using the adverb beautifully after the verb is or after any other form of be, such as am, are, was, were, has been, have been, etc. We see that the function of is in the sentence given is simply to link the subject, Mary, with the adjective beautiful, which evidently describes Mary. In fact, the verb be with all its forms is sometimes called a linking verb, writes Anne Hitchcock in the Christian Science Monitor. Now, there are certain other verbs that are used to perform this linking function, connecting the subject of the sentence with an adjective describing or a noun referring to that subject. Such verbs are: look, seem, taste, smell, feel, become, and some others. It is not necessary to memorize a list of them in order to be sure when to use the adjective instead of the adverb, which accompanies most verbs. If in doubt, try the simple expedient of substituting for the verb in your sentence some form of the verb be. If this substitution "makes sense" followed by an adjective, the adjective should be your choice. To illustrate:

That sherbet tastes (is) delicious.

They never felt (were) so enthusiastic before.

That sentence sounds (is) queer.

He remained (was) steadfast throughout the years.

He has become (is) more observant.

She stood (was) immovable.

The plan will prove (be) successful, we hope.

How spicy those carnations smell (are).

In the following sentences, note the difference in usage: when such verbs as those mentioned above are used as linking verbs, and when they are not. As linking verbs they are followed by adjectives; when used otherwise, by adverbs. And note that as linking verbs, some form of be may be substituted without seriously impairing the meaning.

With Adjectives.

She looked kind.

It tasted sweet.

She is growing tall.

They proved faithful.

He feels confident.

With Adverbs.

She looked kindly at me.

He tasted it doubtfully.

They proved it incontrovertibly.

She is growing rapidly.

He feels the honour deeply.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 79 degrees. The humidity was 74 at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Silk forwarded from here by the Empress of Japan on September 12 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on October 1, having been 19 days in transit.

Master Carvalho, of 35 Granville Road, reports that a mongrel pointer dog bit one of his servants at the house, after the servant had accidentally trod on the dog's tail. There is no suspicion of rabies.

Four young Chinese of 647 Shanghai Street, took ill suddenly yesterday and were removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital. Their conditions, however, were not considered to be serious, for they were discharged from hospital after examination by the doctor. They are said to have eaten some fish which had been bought 24 hours before.

Mr. A. Andrews, Chief Inspector of the Peak Tramway Company, reported yesterday to the Police that on Monday night someone entered his office at the Upper Peak Tram Station, by breaking a typhoon shutter and two panes of glass, and took away tramway conductors' equipment. The equipment, however, was recovered later by the Police on the hillside.

A charge of larceny of a four-gallon tin of petrol, a second charge of receiving the petrol knowing it to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained, and a third charge of unlawful possession, were brought against a Chinese driver formerly in the employment of the P.W.D. when he appeared before Mr. Schofield yesterday. His Worship found there was no evidence on which the defendant could be convicted and discharged him.

In connection with the armed robbery at No. 95, Argyle Street on August 10, three men were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Two, Chan Yau and Tsang Shu-lam, were charged with actual robbery and the third, Chung Wah-yung with receiving stolen property. Tsang Shu-lam was also brought up on another charge of armed robbery at No. 64, Argyle Street on August 8, when \$3,000 worth of property was stolen from a woman named Chan Yun-yu. Both cases were adjourned until Friday afternoon.

There will be special showings at the King's Theatre on Wednesday (October 14), when the entire programme will be as follows:—2.30 p.m. "Charlie Chan Carries On" with Warner Oland, John Garrick, and Marguerite Churchill; 5.10 p.m. "Dishonoured" with Marlens Dietrich and Victor McLaglen; 7.15 p.m. "Vagabond King"; 9.30 p.m. "Don't Bet On Women" with Jeanette MacDonald, Edmund Lowe, Una Merkel and Roland Young. The prices are as usual. These popular pictures have been kindly lent for the occasion by Paramount Films of China, Inc. and the Fox Film Corporation. Booking is now open at the theatre. Telephone 25313.

Personal Pars.

Air Commodore Kingsford Smith left Athens yesterday for Rome at 10.15 a.m.—Reuter.

Lord Reading left London yesterday for Paris to begin the conversation with the French Ministers at the Quai d'Orsay this morning.—Reuter.

The Persian woman will have the right to seek a divorce from her husband as the result of a bill which has passed the Persian Parliament. The new bill which provides for the alteration of the Persian marriage laws came into force on September 24. It also raises the marriage age for women to 16 and for men to 18.

SCHOOL MASTERS ON TRIAL.

Possession of Pamphlets.

CASE RE-OPENED.

The case against Chan Wun-cho and Lau Wing-sang, the two school teachers of the Yauk Chi College, who were recently sent to prison for having possession of certain writings calculated to persuade persons from trading with, dealing with or working for members of the Japanese community, was reopened at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins, K.C., instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, appeared for the defence, and Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith for the prosecution.

Before commencing the case, Mr. Jenkins asked his Worship to allow him to argue on all the facts of the case, and not only on the points of good character and in regard to the newspaper article which enters into the case, as was suggested when the application for re-hearing was granted. His Worship intimated that he could.

In regard to the question of good character Mr. Jenkins called several witnesses, including Rev. Frank Short, the manager of the school, and Mr. G. B. de Martin, M.B.E., Director of Education. The latter said that similar letters as those received by the Yauk Chi College had been received by other schools, and that in response to enquiries he had given orders to the various masters, that all such correspondence was to be sent to him. He had not received any from the school in question.

The case is proceeding.

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

Premier to Keep in Touch.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Premier hopes to continue to keep in touch with the Indian Round Table Conference during the next three weeks, and this will entail his remaining in London for a few days.—British Wireless Service.

THE NAVY.

First Lord's Statement.

RECENT EVENTS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Outstanding features at the close of the Stock Markets to-day were the substantial improvement record in leading British Funds, following together with a sharp recovery in the renewed investment buying, to sterling rate. War Loan five per cent. were finally quoted one and a half points up at 98. International descriptions closed firm.—British Wireless Service.

To-day's Thought.

We often make an issue by insisting that it is not an issue.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail," October 7, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/10½.

A compliment was paid to the Puisne Judge (Mr. J. C. Wood) in the Summary Court this morning when Mr. A. H. Crow, on behalf of about a dozen of his colleagues who had assembled for the usual Friday morning list-fixing, offered His Honour their very best wishes on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage. On behalf of the legal profession Mr. Crow expressed regret at the circumstance that this would be His Honour's last appearance on the Summary Court Bench.

NOTICE.

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"WE ACTED FOR NATION."

Sir Herbert Samuel's Disclosures.

The Marquis of Reading presided at the Liberal party meeting held at the National Liberal Club on August 28.

In opening the proceedings, Lord Reading expressed regret that Mr. Lloyd George, "the tried veteran," as a consequence of his indisposition, had been unable to take part in the discussions leading to the formation of the National Government.

It had been possible to have consultations with Mr. Lloyd George, but of a limited character. "I am sure," added Lord Reading, "you would like to know that he is in complete accord with what is being done. (Hear, hear.) I think he must feel at this moment, even though he is still suffering from the operation, that the scent of battle makes him long to be up and doing." (Laughter.)

Sir John Simon's Support.
Lord Reading next read the following message from Sir John Simon:

"Congratulate all Liberal friends invited to join the National Government. I shall, of course, support any Administration which pursues retrenchment and handles Indian problem with determination as well as with sympathy."

The difficulty which was facing the country, Lord Reading proceeded, arose not from the political situation but from the financial situation.

"I do not mean for one moment that the political conditions have not contributed and, in fact, caused the financial difficulties to some extent. Depression of the world industries, consequent reductions of revenue, and other attendant evils upon expenditure—I am not referring to any particular Government, but to the expenditure which, in common parlance, has largely outrun the comfortable—have led to the financial and economic crisis with which we are confronted."

Not The Poor Alone.
"Speaking as a member of the present Government, and with my Liberal colleagues on the platform with me who are members also, I may say that the one thing you may determine in your own minds without anxiety, although you may not know the details, is this:

"We will never be parties, and we shall not ask to be parties, to any scheme which will mean merely economising at the expense of the poor and which will not mean putting the burden on the rich. (Cheers.)"

"I would beg you not to be misled by anything that you may hear upon that."

"The last word that I would say is, Do not fail to make the country understand what a depreciation of the pound sterling means. There are people, vast numbers, unfortunately, who labour under the impression that if the pound depreciates it will only hit the bankers, the financiers, the great companies, the capitalists, the rich man, and that it will not affect the poor man."

"I assure you that if it does result, those who will suffer most will not be the rich but the poorer classes of the community."

"It will not happen so long as we grapple with the problem at once, so long as we fearlessly, courageously, determinedly, go forward, make all the sacrifices that are necessary, and have no fear of the result."

"Sterling will come into its own, and the country will get through this, but only if it realises the situation and girds up its loins as it did in the war." (Cheers.)

COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS.

Sir Herbert Samuel's Disclosures.
Sir Herbert Samuel then addressed the meeting. He said that there had been no hesitation on the part of the leaders of the party as to the course of action they should pursue. There had on occasions in the past been discussions, but now he trusted these discussions were at an end.

Sir Herbert welcomed the presence of Lord Grey, "one of the great men of the Empire," once again on the platform at a Liberal meeting.

Sir Herbert went on to relate the course of events, describing how he was summoned to London by an urgent telegram on August 12, and was informed by the Prime Minister of the facts of the situation and the measures then under consideration.

"The Budgetary position," went on Sir Herbert, "had become very grave on account of the shrinkage of the normal revenue. The publication of the May Report, indicating a very large deficit in the next year, and the fact that the world knew that we were borrowing a million pounds a week for the purposes of the Unemployment Fund, had caused considerable disturbance of opinion throughout the world."

Run Upon The Country.
"We are often proud to speak of London as the greatest of financial centres, and the fact that it is so brings to the country many advantages. It assists commerce, it adds to the national wealth, but at the same time it brings very great responsibilities and some risks."

"Now, if there is any danger of a depreciation of sterling, naturally all foreign depositors in Britain and possibly home depositors too have to consider what such an eventuality would mean to them."

"We all know that if a bank gets the reputation of not being prudently managed and of being conducted at a loss, and if confidence is shaken, there will be a run upon that bank. There may be a run upon a country."

No Bankers' Manoeuvre.
"The greatness of our country—the economic greatness of our country—does not depend solely upon the prosperity of its industries; it does not depend upon our natural resources; it depends still less upon the greatness of our Empire, and least of all upon our armed strength."

"The economic greatness of Britain, of any country, depends upon one thing, and that is character—(hear, hear). So long as the world knows that our word is our bond, so long as the world has faith in the stability of our institutions, then our position can be maintained; but not without those conditions."

"The suggestion that all this is a bankers' manoeuvre, an international scheme to overthrow a Labour Government, is stuff and nonsense. (Hear, hear.)"

"To blame the bankers would be just as wise as to blame the thermometer for the fact that August has been cold. (Laughter.) You may rely upon it that I, for one, should not have lent myself to any such scheme as a bankers' manoeuvre for the overthrow of a Labour Government."

"I do not think that Mr. Philip Snowden is the man to lend himself to a bankers' manoeuvre to overthrow a Labour Government. I think that the whole of the late Cabinet, which realised the necessity of effecting very large economies, would not have lent themselves to such a manoeuvre, and two-thirds of the Cabinet who realised the necessities of large economies still."

Agreement on Five Points.
Coming to the three-party conference at Downing Street on August 20, when the Opposition leaders met Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Snowden, Sir Herbert said: "It at once appeared that on several points there was complete agreement."

"First, that borrowing must cease for purposes of annual expenditure, and particularly in providing for the needs of the Unemployment Fund."

"Secondly, that the Budget must be made to balance; that annual revenue must cover all heads of annual expenditure."

"Thirdly, that large economies were necessary, but that the

sacrifices must be equitably distributed over the community (Cheers.) I do not place those as two points; I state those as one point."

"Fourthly, the question of the enactment of a tariff was tacitly left in the background."

"Fifthly, that no disservice to the country could be greater than to have an immediate General Election. (Hear, hear.)"

"All those points have been agreed throughout."

"The Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer indicated to us what their proposals with regard to economies were likely to be. Sir Donald and I regarded them as in the main a bold and courageous scheme."

"We were not unfavourably impressed; but after consideration and consultation with others we thought that the time had come when some diminution must imperatively be made in the scale of the Unemployment allowances."

"When the Royal Commission on Unemployment made its report all parties were unwilling to make any such reduction—the Conservatives as much as ourselves or the Labour party. No one of the three parties at that time suggested that the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Unemployment should be applied then, or, indeed, any part of their recommendations in that direction; but we were most reluctant to plunge into still deeper distress those on whom the brunt of the present economic depression has fallen more severely than upon any other class—namely, those who are themselves out of work."

"Now, however, the financial situation of the country is seen to be even worse than it was then. We have to take into account also that in the last two years the cost of living has fallen by 11 per cent.; and, furthermore, that if you go back seven years to 1924 we see that the unemployment allowances, taking into account on the one hand their increase, and on the other hand, the decrease in the cost of living and the greater purchasing power of a shilling, that unemployment allowances in real value have increased in the seven years 36 per cent."

"We felt, further, that if we were calling upon all the other classes in the nation to make sacrifices, and heavy sacrifices, that public opinion would resent any action of a Government which made no effective effort to lighten this enormous charge for unemployment, which is the real source and the principal cause of our financial difficulties."

"So, after consultation with others, we felt that we must press not for a reduction of 36 per cent., but for some reduction in the general scale of unemployment benefit, even if it restored the position of the unemployed to what it was two years ago, or in that neighbourhood."

"We Acted For Nation."

"On the following day the Cabinet sat to consider these matters, and in the evening a resumed conference was held. Sir Donald Maclean and I went to that conference with the hope that the then Government would present adequate measures to Parliament which we should be able to support."

"We found, however, to our surprise and deeper regret, that, so far from being willing to make any advance upon the plans that had been sketched out, of the real savings that had been proposed the Cabinet had struck out roughly one-third. We came to the conclusion that

"The plans as they then stood must be regarded as unacceptable;

"They would involve a colossal burden of new taxation, and when they were announced, together with the decision of the other two parties, which could not be withheld from public knowledge, the effect must be to precipitate a disaster."

"The pound would immediately depreciate; prices would soar, and

"The unemployed would suffer far more in the great increase in their cost of living than they could possibly lose by any reductions that had been contemplated in any quarter."

"After consultation again with Mr. Lloyd George and with Lord Reading we found it necessary that evening to see the Prime Minister again, and together with the representatives of the Conservative party, we found it our duty to state in very friendly but definite terms that the proposals as they then stood must be regarded as inadvisable; that we felt sure that Par-

liament would not be able to accept them."

"We stated, furthermore, that in our view the situation could not be allowed to drift until Parliament met after some two or three weeks, and, indeed, that the situation was so serious that a solution could not be delayed even over the week-end."

"The nation in those days was unaware of what the position was, but we were aware and we had to act on behalf of the nation. Therefore, without consideration of party interests, without, indeed, considering at all what the ulterior consequences might possibly be, we saw that we had the clear and simple duty of helping to save the situation as it was on that day."

Mr. MacDonald's Noble Part.

"There is one man who, in those days, has played a noble part, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. (Loud cheers.) What the effect might be upon his personal position he could not foresee and did not stay to consider; he saw his duty as Prime Minister of Britain and he fulfilled it. (Cheers.)"

"I think, also, a tribute should be paid to Mr. Snowden—(cheers)—and to the few of their colleagues—strangely few—who have taken the right course."

"We think also that we should express the gratitude that is properly entertained towards Mr. Baldwin. (Cheers.) If he had claimed, as he might have claimed, the succession to the Premiership; if he had raised, as he might have raised, any controversial political issues, the situation would have become complicated and difficult. He did none of those things."

"He also was prepared completely to subordinate himself to the requirements of the national interest. The situation has been handled with great speed—speed was necessary. The King came to London on Sunday—(Cheers)—and full recognition may be respectfully offered for the invaluable services which his Majesty as constitutional Sovereign has rendered in this crisis. On Sunday he returned."

"By Wednesday the new Cabinet had been formed, and had held its first meeting; and I may say that, so far—and I have reason to think it will continue into the future—we have found ourselves in complete agreement on all points."

Regarding the measures now contemplated by the Government, Sir Herbert went on, one anticipation is well founded—that Cabinet Ministers will be called upon to make sacrifices like other people. (Laughter.)

No Permanent Coalition.

"This new Government so formed is not intended to be any long-contingent combination, still less a permanent Coalition. For my own part, I am not a Conservative and never will be. The Liberal party has maintained, and well maintained, its independence. (Hear, hear.)"

"Thanks to that independence, it has during the course of the present Parliament been able to intervene on several occasions usefully and effectively, but never has its independence allowed it to intervene more usefully and more effectively than during the last few days. (Cheers.)"

"The new Government has been formed to fulfil one purpose, but meanwhile the immediate business of the State must be dealt with, and in particular the Indian Conference will, of course, proceed on the lines already laid down, and with no change, I believe, in its direction or in its policy."

"This Government is a temporary combination, but, in my own view, it cannot abandon the task which it has undertaken until it has seen it well on the way to completion. (Cheers.)"

"British parties are keen and active in their controversies, but they can be relied upon to show that they know when conflict must give place to co-operation—at least, they usually know it. It is very disappointing to find that the official organisation of the Labour party has not realised that this is such an occasion."

Socialists' Error.

"In taking up a partisan and class attitude, they will fall into a great error of judgment, the same mistake which the Trades Union Council made when they plunged the country into a General Strike. The nation will not have it—(hear, hear)—and when I speak of the nation I include the whole body of the working classes who form the majority of our population."

"The nation will not support a reckless or sectional policy, whether it is adopted in the supposed interests of the poor."

"In this crisis in the fortunes of our country I hope and I am con-

vinced that the Liberal Parliamentary party will act with unity and with resolution."

"Unpopularity there will be for all those who support measures of retrenchment, which are necessarily unpopular. There is, however, no unpopularity so great or so well deserved as that which falls upon public men when the nation suspects that they are afraid to face unpopularity when the national interest requires it. (Cheers.)"

"We Liberals, then, must deliberate as to our course, our object being to co-operate in the successful accomplishment of the task immediately in hand, while maintaining those political ideas of which we are the guardians and which we are convinced are necessary to the well-being of the people." (Loud cheers.)

The King's Example.

Sir Donald Maclean said that he also would like to pay tribute to the part which the Prime Minister and Mr. Snowden had each played. "As the drama developed from day to day we saw their own position in their party rapidly disappearing, and, except for touches of emotion and natural expressions of their feeling from time to time, particularly to us two, there was not the slightest wavering that I could detect in their high sense of responsibility to the country first."

"I would also like to say that our relations with the Conservative leaders were of the most cordial description, and we were grateful to them for the fact that from first to last they never raised any real controversial issue at all. "Although I had not the opportunity of conferring personally with the Sovereign, it was a matter of which Britain can always be rightly proud, that in the present monarch we have an admirable example of how our Constitution works."

"That crisis was tackled and finally solved, as far as the monarch was concerned, with the same ease and celerity as if such a crisis as this was an ordinary week-end event. We may, indeed, be rightly proud when our Constitution, which stands unapproached in the world, was so wonderfully adaptable and operated as it did."

It was important that Liberals should be under no illusions as to the difficulties which confronted the party.

"They are very great," declared Sir Donald. "There is not a man here, either a member of Parliament or a candidate, who is not taking his life in his hands in undertaking this great national job. There will be naturally and, indeed, unscrupulous appeals to other interests than that of the general good."

Lord Grey Supports Government.
Viscount Grey of Fallodon said that he had come to London in order to demonstrate as emphatically as he could his entire agreement with the action which had been taken by Lord Reading, Sir Herbert Samuel, Sir Donald Maclean, and other members of the party who had joined the Government. (Hear, hear.)

"I regret immensely that the majority of the Labour Cabinet and Labour Party should ignore the logic of facts and ignore the fact that the supreme necessity of the moment is to steer the ship of State off the rocks, that unless that is done all their ideals will disappear and become impossible, and that they should take a sectional and party line in this great national crisis."

"If the financial credit of the country goes, if the currency depreciates, the great position which this country holds among the countries of the world will not be maintained. This great position as the centre of a great Empire will be woefully impaired."

Effect on the Dole.

"Everyone in the country will suffer terribly, but as the question is being disputed solely on the ground of what is best for the poorer classes and for the unemployed in particular, let me just put this point."

"If the currency is depreciated, Mr. Snowden spoke the other day not of the probability but of the possibility of a depreciation of the pound from 20s. to 10s. Now supposing anything of that kind happens, what will be the result?"

"The purchasing power of all wages will be diminished; in other words, wages which may now be 20s., or even 15s., and no Government can prevent that rise in prices happening. We get the bulk of our food from abroad. It is not as if you can affect it by controlling prices at home."

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Hong Kong, 6th October, 1931.

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By Order,
E. J. R. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, October 5, 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, October 8, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, September 24, 1931.

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Hong Kong, October 6, 1931.

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THE NINTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 10th October, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m. The first ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

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On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box before 5 p.m. on the 9th October. Telephone No. 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

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Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, October 5, 1931.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

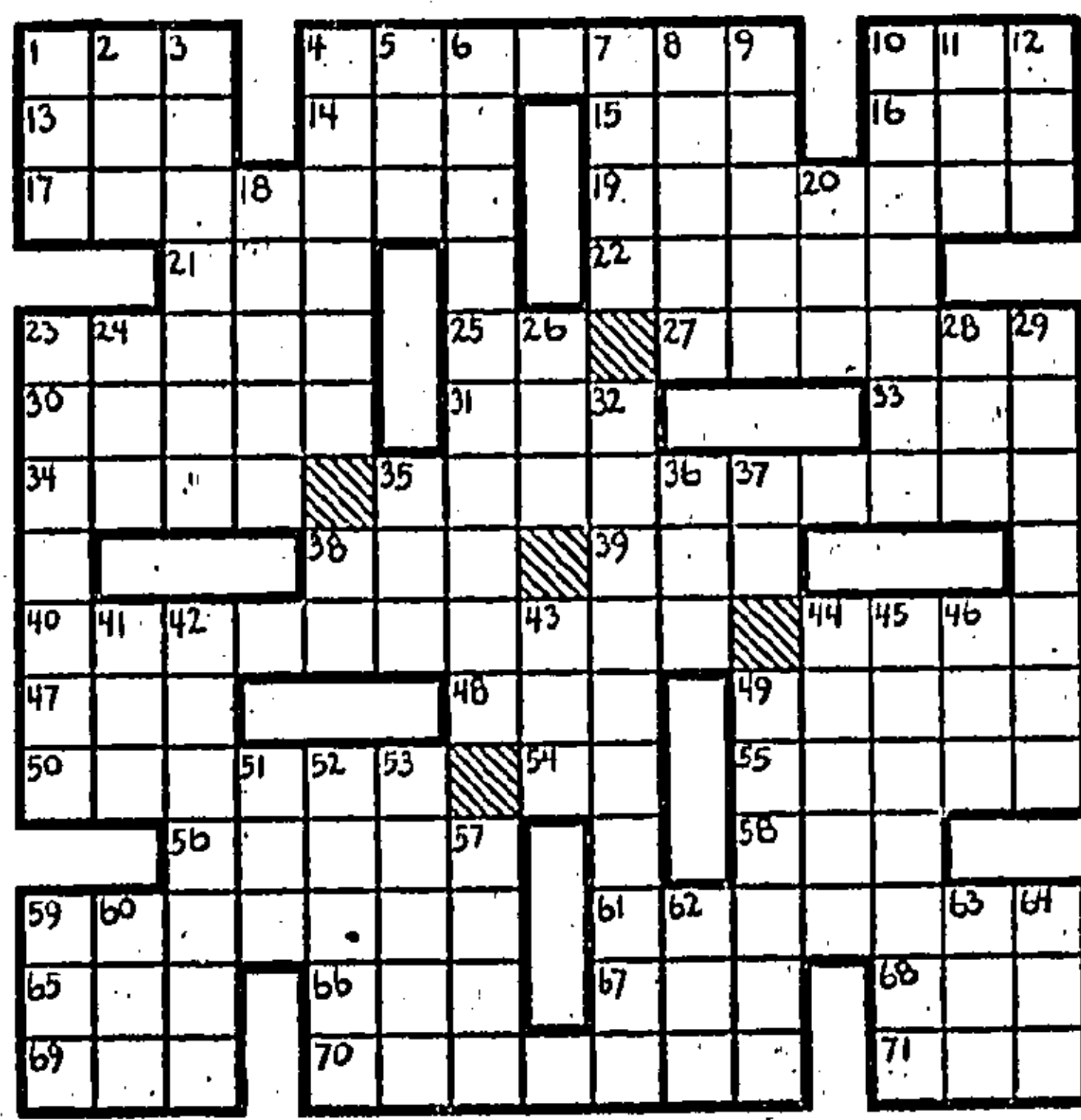
On London—	1/2
Bank, wire	1/2
Bank, on demand	1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/2 1/4
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/3 1/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/3 1/4
On Paris—	
On demand	680
Credits, 4 months' sight	665
On Berlin—	
On demand	Nom.
On New York—	
On demand	23 1/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	25 1/4
On Bombay—	
Wire	78 1/4
On demand	78 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	78 1/4
On demand	78 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	50
On Manila—	
On demand	46 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 77
Dollar	4 1/4 % dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	46 1/4
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/3 1/4
Silver (per oz.)	16 1/4
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Rate of Native Interest	3 1/4 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	2 1/4 % dis.
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LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	98 1/4
New York	3.87 1/2
Brussels	27 1/4
Geneva	19 1/4
Amsterdam	9 1/4
Milan	76 1/2
Berlin	17
Stockholm	16 1/2
Copenhagen	17 1/2
Oslo	17 1/2
Vienna	31
Helsingfors	162 1/2
Prague	138
Madrid	42 1/2
Rio	3 1/4
Lisbon	109 1/4
Athens	295
Buenos Aires	31 1/2
Montevideo	21 1/2
Bucharest	62 1/2

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Head covering	56-A Roman historian of first century, B. C.	23-Part of the British Isles
4-A visionary	58-Zeppelin (Colloq.)	24-An untruth
10-Freeze	59-Greeted	25-Chinese plant
13-Slick	61-Inclined	26-Indian Civil Service (abbr.)
14-Charged atom	62-Pastry	27-Female relatives
15-Southern State of U. S. (abbr.)	63-Portuguese coin	28-A leader
16-And not	64-Over (Contr.)	29-Prefix. Thrice
17-Musical instrument	65-Debate	30-A title (Gr. Myth.)
18-Member of Senate	66-Ever (Poet.)	31-Goddes of earth
21-Chart	70-Aimed at	32-Indefinite article
22-Frighten	71-Boy's name, short	41-Perivious (abbr.)
23-Excite		42-Wander aimlessly
24-Name	VERTICAL	43-To take leave (abbr.)
25-River in Africa	1-Child's pet	44-Fog-horn
31-A vegetable	2-Tune	45-Accepted
32-Science (abbr.)	3-Feathers that cover a bird	46-A number
34-A letter (pl.)	4-A small diving bird	49-Nagelian
35-Violate	5-Fish eggs	51-European country (abbr.)
38-S. W. state of U. S. (abbr.)	6-An undertaking	52-Musical form of drama
39-Bird	7-A body of concrete matter	53-Trace by small
40-Regulate	8-To choose for an office by vote	57-Town in Serbia
41-Satisfy	9-Frags (Latin)	59-Mimic
42-Born (Fr.)	10-Ardent	60-Fade
43-Other things (Latin, abbr.)	11-Call of a dove	62-To the sheltered side
44-Broaden	12-Sin	63-Epoch
45-Fabulous monster	13-Comrades	64-Lair
46-The (Fr.)	14-Alden tree (Geol.)	
47-Patters		

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 7th Oct. 1931.

Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, 27th, October, 1931.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Non.	Pln.	Year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank	\$	...	1700	...	Dec.	Interim 43 at 1/4-1/2-1/2	Aug. 10, 31
Chartered Bank	\$	...	111	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2 Sub. to 1/2-1/2-1/2	Sep. — 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B. & C.	\$	...	18	...	Dec.	Int. 7 1/2 a/c 1931 less 1/2 Tax	Sep. 8, 31
Bank of Asia	\$ 134	...	...	...	Dec.	\$5 for 1930	Feb. 28, 31
Insurance.							
Canton Ins.	\$	...	1500	...	Dec.	[Int. 8 1/2 Sub. to 1/2-1/2-1/2] = 160	May 10, 31
Union Ins.	\$	...	100	...	Dec.	[Int. 8 1/2 Sub. to 1/2-1/2-1/2] = 81	May 29, 31
China Underwriters ..	\$	...	51	...	Dec.	None	...
China Fire Ins.	\$	...	300	...	Dec.	[Final 80 bonus 80 and \$14 for 1929] = 332	May 29, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$	...	1150	...	Dec.	[Int. 8 1/2 Sub. to 1/2-1/2-1/2] making \$80 for 1929	Mar. 26, 31
Shipping.							
Douglases	\$	...	24	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1921	...
H. K. Steamboats ..	\$	...	26	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 None for 1930	Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.) ..	\$	...	35	...	Dec.	[Int. 8 1/2 Sub. to 1/2-1/2-1/2] for 1924 and 1925	June 19, 30
(Def.)	\$	...	17	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1921	...
Shells Bearer	\$	...	47 1/2	...	Dec.	[Final 100 bonus 80 and \$14 for 1929] less 1/2 Tax a/c 1930	July 6, 31
Union Waterboats ..	\$	...	28	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929	Mar. 21, 31
Mining.							
Benguela	\$	12	...	...	Dec.	Third Int. 20 cents a/c 1931	Sept. 30, 31
Kailan Mining Ad. ..	\$	...	30 1/2	...	June	[Pln. 4 1/2 less 1/2 Tax 30 1/2] making 9 1/2 for year 30-3-31	Oct. 30, 30
Langkau (Single) ..	\$	...	4.05	...	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-30	May 8, 30
Shal Exploration ..	\$	...	2	...	Dec.	None	...
Loans	\$	...	44	...	Dec.	[Final T. 0.50 making T. 0.61 for 1930]	Feb. 6, 31
Rauhs	\$ 34 1/2	...	3 1/2	...	Mar.	Int. 10 a/c year 31-5-31	Sep. 29, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	\$	...	...	...	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves ..	\$ 151 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	\$2 for 1930	Mar. 19, 31
H. K. & W. Wharves ..	\$	...	30	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1921	...
South Ch. Motors (A) ..	\$ 11 1/2	19	10	...	...	...	...
(B)	\$ 13	...	...	...	...	...	...
China Provident (old) ..	\$ 5 1/2	5.60	41 1/2	...	Dec.	[10 cents on old] for 1930	April 8, 31
(new)	\$ 5 1/2	2.60	...	...	Dec.	[Int. 8 1/2 Sub. to 1/2-1/2-1/2]	Oct. 9, 31
Hongkong	\$	...	203	...	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1931	Mar. 4, 31
N. Engineering	\$	...	6.20	...	Dec.	T. 0.50 for year 20-2-31	July 28, 31
Shanghai Docks	\$	...	103	...	Apr.	T. 0.50 for	...
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H. K. & S. Hls. (old) ..	\$ 15	...	...	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1930	Apr. 16, 31
(new)	\$	...	14 1/2	...	Dec.	Int. 8 1/2 a/c 1931	Aug. 12, 31
H. K. Lands	\$ 39	70.80	30	...	Dec.	Int. 8 1/2 a/c 1931	July 30, 31
Shanghai Lands	\$	...	30	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1930	Feb. 24, 31
Humpneys (old)	\$ 181	...	181	...	Dec.	Int. 8 1/2 a/c 1931	Sept. 1, 31
(new)	\$ 161	...	14	...	Dec.	Int. 8 1/2 a/c 1931	July 28, 31
H. K. Realities	\$ 13.50	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 8 1/2 a/c 1931	...
Chinese Estates	\$	...	...	...	Dec.	...	...
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cotton	\$	...	162 1/2	7.10	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1930	Mar. 12, 31
Shanghai Cotton	\$	...	93	...	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3.25 for half year 30-4-31	May 27, 31
Zoong Sioe	\$ 132	...	...	...	June	T. 0.80 for year 30-6-31	Oct. 8, 31
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways	\$ 201	...	...	...	Dec.	Int. 10 1/2 cents a/c 1931	Aug. 28, 31
Peak Tram (old)	\$	...	14 1/2	...	Dec.	[50 cts. on old] for year 30-4-31	Jan. 15, 31
(new)	\$	...	6.35	...	Dec.	...	...
Star Ferries	\$ 91	...	...	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1930	Feb. 13, 31
Yaumuti Ferries	\$	...	25	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1931	Jan. 23, 31
China Light	\$ 28	28 1/2	...	...	Sept.	Int. 20 cts. a/c yr. 30-9-30	Dec. 15, 30
H. K. Electric	\$ 77 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1931	Mar. 18, 31
Macao	\$	...	28	...	Dec.	...	...
Sandakan Light	\$	...	12	...	June	None	...
H. K. Tel. fully paid ..	\$ 48	22 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Int. 1 1/2 a/c 1931	Aug. 4, 31
China Bus	\$	...	17.50	...	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929	Feb. 28, 30
S'port Tracings (Ord.) ..	\$	...	...	...	Sept.	[1/2% on preference shares] Subject to Income Tax	Feb. 6, 31
(Pref.)	\$	...	19 1/2	...	Sept.	...	...
Industrial.							
China Sugars	\$	...	60 cts.	...	...	In Liquidation.	...
Malaban Sugars	\$	...	30	...	Dec.	Pa. 4.50 for 1929	Mar. 4, 31
Calds Macg. Ord.	\$	...	14	...	Dec.	[T. 1.50] for 1930	Mar. 27, 31
(Pref.)	\$	...	10 1/2	...	Dec.	...	...
Canton Ice	\$	...	7.00	...	July	21 cents for year 31-7-31	Oct. 9, 31
Cement (com.)	\$ 18 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[30 cents on old] for 1930	Mar. 18, 31
(old)	\$	...	15 1/2	...	Dec.	...	...
(new)	\$	...	8	...	Dec.	75 cents for 1930	Mar. 27, 31
H. K. Ropes	\$	...	171	...	Dec.	...	...
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms	\$ 20	...	20 1/2	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1930	Mar. 18, 31
Watsons	\$ 16 1/2	...	...	...	Oct.	Int. 10 1/2 for year 31-10-31	Mar. 12, 31
Der A Wings	\$	...	1	...	...	...	...
Lane Crawfords (old) ..	\$	...	3.00	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 29-2-31	Apr. 30, 31
(new)	\$	...	51	...	Feb.	\$2 for year 23-2-31	Apr. 30, 31
Mackintosh	\$	...	19	...	Feb.	\$2 for year 23-2-31	Apr. 30, 31
Sincores	\$	...	19 1/2	...	Feb.	50 cents for year 22-2-31	June 17, 31
Wm. Powells	\$	...	3.00	...	Feb.	50 cents for year 22-2-31	June 17, 31
Miscellaneous.							
H. K. Amusement	\$	...	24 1/2	...	Mar.	\$2.50 for year 31-3-31	Sept. 30, 31
C. Entertainment (old) ..	\$	...	15	...	...	...	...
(new)	\$	...	15	...	...	...	...
Sou. Ch. Enterprises ..	\$	...	11	...	...	...	...
H. K. C'structions (old) ..	\$	...	5	...	Dec.	30 cents for 1930	Apr. 29, 31
(new)	\$	...	1 1/2	...	Dec.	...	...
B. Ind. G. Bonds	\$	...	67 1/2	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	\$	...	51 1/2	...	Prem.	Interest half yearly	...

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The ambition of most film stars is to accumulate enough wealth to retire from their arduous careers and spend their time touring the world, and doing what they wish when they wish.

But Adrienne Ames, already in the latter class, has given up the freedom of a wealthy society girl for a career as a motion picture actress whose day-time life is controlled and even whose recreational hours are governed by work.

Miss Ames recently signed a contract to act in Paramount pictures. She could have gone into pictures as a free-lance player, working and vacationing when she felt so inclined, but she chose a contract because she felt it best in building toward film popularity.

In entering pictures, Miss Ames has given up frequent trips to Europe, yachting parties, lengthy motor trips, a Summer home and a beautiful apartment in New York.

She did it, however, because she has always longed to be a film actress and gladly traded independence for the thrill of appearing before the cameras and seeing herself on the screen.

It was choice that brought her to films—not a disaster on the recent stock market, as some might guess. Her salary, as a beginner in pictures, is but a small item compared to her former allowance.

Her entrance into pictures has been made with intelligence. She might have used her own fortune to produce a picture in which she starred, as some have done.

Instead, she wants to learn acting from the bottom and has been given minor roles—little more than "bits"—in "24 Hours," in which she now appears, and "The Road to Reno," which will follow.

Miss Ames might have begun her film career earlier, had she wished, according to Paramount executives. They report her dark Southern beauty—she was born in Texas—ideal for film work.

She photographs remarkably well, photographers state. It was this fact that brought her to acting. She had just completed a vacation trip to Honolulu and had stopped in Los Angeles for a brief visit before returning to her New York home.

Being an ardent film fan all of her life, she had frequently noted the photographic credit, "Ruth Harriet Louise," on portraits in magazines.

Miss Ames went to the photographer and asked her to make some pictures of her. They were made in a friend's studio by the photographer who grew more and more enthusiastic as the sitting progressed.

A friend of Miss Ames, who knew of her desire to be an actress, was impressed by the photographs and took them to the casting office at the Paramount studios. An interview was requested immediately. This brought a talking screen test and a quick contract.

Having dwelt in society all her life, Miss Ames has cultivated the charm necessary in mingling with celebrities. Her wealth has also brought training in smart dressing. She has studied music and art.

In entering pictures, Miss Ames has given up society, travel and a life of ease. She has toured Europe five times, one of her trips being made for the sole purpose of returning to the United States on the Bremen's maiden trip, on which that ship set a record across the Atlantic. She has been in Monte Carlo, Germany, France, England, Belgium—all of the capitals of that country.

Her apartment which she left in New York is one of the most beautiful in the metropolis with a terrace large enough to permit 500 guests at a garden party.

She has never touched the steering wheel of an automobile, always having been driven by a chauffeur. Her Summer home is at Westport, Conn., where she belongs to an exclusive club. There, she was a skilled golfer and horseback rider.

This she has turned her back upon. In motion pictures, she must work when needed. Extended vacations are few and far between for motion picture players. Even a short trip may be impossible if one must report for work at 9 a.m. the following morning.

"MIDNIGHT LOVE"

Farce With An Atmosphere of

Cracker Mottoes.

London, Aug. 26.

The dean's secretary, refusing dalliance with the feather-dusting housemaid, returned to his typing with such industry that the warning of the end of a line sounded. "Ah," said the housemaid, "that's the only belle he'll ever ring."

The atmosphere of cracker mottoes, of moth-eaten relics thus created at the beginning of "Midnight Love," Mr. Sydney Horler's farce, produced last night at the Savoy, was never entirely dispersed.

The story is of an author who has to love himself to be made love to by a film star so that she will appear in a film version of his latest work, and thus make him rich enough to marry the dean's daughter, and then has to pretend that her bibulous dresser is his sick aunt to account for his visits to her flat. The bogus aunt is somehow conveyed to the dean's with the film star as nurse, and from her sick bed blackmails the dean, having discovered that he has a taste for salacious novels himself.

All this was more wit to make it palatable than it was served with last night.

Miss Ruby as the film star is enabled to display great vitality and agility in various kinds of boudoir trousers, but her talent and beauty deserve better employment.

So do those of Mr. Fewlas Llewellyn, who played the Dean, and Miss Grace Lane, who played his severe wife. Miss Christine Barry made a charming Dean's daughter, but Mr. Gerald Pring as her perplexed lover did not quite convince us that the passionate film star would really have looked at him more than once.

It is but fair to say that there was considerable laughter during the performance of this piece and that an array of exquisite flowers expressed rapture in it after the curtain fell, but one member of the audience left with that flat feeling with which one retires from a station after missing a train. Producers should be more careful about their promises of gaiety.—Edith Shackleton, in Evening Standard.

CAREFUL ABOUT NAMES.

In Hollywood, where a "name" is the key-note to success, few share identical names.

While there are many in film work with the same last names—such as ten Bennetts all in the ranks of players—the coupling of two names in more than one instance can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Curiously, four contract workers at the Paramount studios all have the experience of having their names rightfully used by others in the same industry.

Most confusing are the two William Boyds. The Paramount actor is from the stage, best remembered as Sergeant Quirt in "What Price Glory." The other William Boyd has played in pictures many years.

"Charles Rogers" is shared by the Paramount player and the production head of Pathe, the former being distinguished by the use of his nick-name "Buddy."

Robert Lee, a Paramount director, has the same name as a scenarist, author of George Bancroft's "The Mighty" and a brother of Rowland V. Lee, director.

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ALL-FEMININE CAST.

For the first time in the thirty-five-year history of motion pictures, a production has been made with an all-feminine cast.

It is Paramount's "The Mad Parade" which features nine players: Evelyn Brent, Irene Rich, Louise Fazenda, Lilyan Tashman, Fritz Ridgeway, Marceline Day, June Clyde, and the Keating twins.

Not once is the face of a man photographed. Yet in spite of this, a strong love story dominates the action which concerns the adventures of an American canteen unit behind the lines in France.

Men are talked about; the backs of several are shown; silhouettes were resorted to on one occasion and male voices are heard at times, but the entire cast is feminine.

JAPANESE AIDED VALENTINO.

Sessue Hayakawa aided in the rapid advance of Rudolph Valentino to stardom.

The Oriental actor revealed this while at work in Paramount's "Daughter of the Dragon," with Anna May Wong and Warner Oland. It is his talking film debut and his first screen work in ten years.

In May, 1918, Hayakawa says, a five-year contract with Paramount ended. He had starred in more than twenty pictures with "The City of Dim Faces" as his last. In his career he had been other than an Oriental character, playing Spanish, Mexican, Indian, Hindu, South Sea Islander and Hawaiian.

Paramount had planned to star him in "The Sheik" as an Arab. However, Hayakawa wanted to produce his own pictures and did not accept a new contract.

The role in "The Sheik" was therefore assigned to Valentino who rose to overnight stardom in the part.

FILM JOTTINGS.

Gene Raymond, leading man on Broadway in "Cradle Snatchers" and "Young Sinners," has arrived in the film colony from New York. Under contract to Paramount.

Three former convicts, who left California prisons to go straight, have been assigned roles in Paramount's "Silence." They play convicts.

Zoe Akins is adapting her own story, "Girls About Town," to the screen. Paramount will feature in it Kay Francis, Lilyan Tashman and Eugene Pallette.

Dorothy Tree, the younger sister of the Broadway production of

"Holiday," has been assigned the third big role in "Working Girl," in which Paramount will also present Clive Brook and Sylvia Sydney.

Miss Vicki ("Grand Hotel") Baum is in Hollywood from New York and is writing the script for Maurice Chevalier's next Paramount picture. Miss Baum stopped over in Vancouver and San Francisco en route West.

Edward G. Cline, director, has been made producer of short films for Paramount.

Berton Churchill, Broadway character actor, has been given a featured role by Paramount in support of Tallulah Bankhead and Fredric March in "My Sin."

Dressing Room No. 1 at the Paramount Hollywood studios has been turned over to Sylvia Sydney, leading woman in "Confessions of a Co-Ed" and "An American Tragedy." Previous occupants were Pola Negri and Clara Bow.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

	Sept. 30, June, June,	1931. 1918. 1914.		Sept. 30, June, June,	1931. 1918. 1914.
	Cts. Cts. Cts.		Cts. Cts. Cts.		
Butcher Meat.					
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb.	38	24	12
" Prime Cut	牛尾瘦	"	30	28	11
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	—	28	12
" Roast	燒牛肉	"	33	24	22
" Breast	牛腩	"	30	20	18
" Soup	牛腩	"	27	20	18
" Steak	牛腩	"	33	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛腩	"	48	30	35
" Sausages	牛腩	"	36	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	17	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each	75	50	60
" Tongue, corned	牛舌	"	—	60	—
" Head	牛頭	lb.	12.20	—	12.20
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
" Hump, Salt	牛腰	"	—	20	18
" Feet	牛腳	each	12	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腎	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	"	27	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	"	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭腳	set	1.50	1.00	1.00
Mutton Chop	羊腩	lb.	44	26	—
" Leg	羊腿	"	44	26	—
" Shoulder	羊肩	"	40	24	—
" Saddle	羊鞍	"	44	—	—
Pigs' Chittlings	豬鬃	Per set	8	—	—
" Brains	豬腦	lb.	18	15	—
" Feet	豬腳	"	30	15	18
" Fry	豬油	"	20	20	—
" Head	豬頭	each	18	10	10
" Heart	豬心	"	15	10	8
" Kidneys	豬腎	lb.	48	30	24
" Liver	豬肝	"	40	25	23
" Leg	豬腿	"	42	—	—
" Loin	豬腰	"	45	30	20
" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	80	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腎	"	15	10	10
" Liver	羊肝	"	45	25	22
Butting Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛油	"	36	20	18
" Mutton	羊油	"	36	26	26
Veal	牛油	"	22	20	20
" Sausages	牛油	"	28	—	—
" No. 1	牛油	"	32	—	—
Fish.					
Barbel	鰱魚	lb.	58	16	24

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BIG ADVANCES IN SHARES.

Demand Remains Still Unsatisfied.

LIQUIDATION SPENT.

The official summary issued by the stock Exchange to-day states: The slight improvement noted in yesterday afternoon's report developed into substantial advances along the entire list this morning, buyers readily responding to the advances established, while the demand remains still unsatisfied. The liquidation for the Settlement appears to have spent itself.

Banks changed hands at \$1,700.
Raubs, with sales put through at \$34½, closed in demand at this quotation.
Wharves were in demand at \$151½.
Providents (old) were done at \$5½, and at the close there was a demand for shares at this rate, with sellers asking \$5.60. The new shares were also in demand at \$2½.
Hotels (old) were in request at \$15.
Lands, after being done at \$79, were in demand at the close at \$82.
Humphreys (old) were wanted at \$18½, and the new shares were also wanted at \$18½.
Realities, which were put through at \$14, closed in demand at \$13.90.
Zong Singa were wanted at \$13½.
Trams were in demand at \$20¼.
Star Ferries were in request at \$91.
China Lights, which were done at \$28½, closed in demand at \$28.
Electricians were wanted at \$77½.
Telephones (fully paid) were in demand at \$43, and sales of the part paid shares were put through at \$29½.
Cements (combined) were wanted at \$18½.
Dairy Farms were in demand at \$29.
Watsons were wanted at \$15½.

TIMELY RESCUE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

junk in a choppy sea, and with difficulty took off the crew of five men. No sooner had this been done and the ship's boat pushed off from the wreck, and got just clear, than the junk went under.
The rescued men, who were in the last stages of exhaustion when taken off, collapsed some after. However, they recovered as the result of careful attention given them on the ship, and on arrival in Hong Kong yesterday, they were handed over to the Harbour authorities who transferred them to the care of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The position of the sunken junk is given as Lat. 20.15 N. and Long. 107.50 E.
It was learned that the junk was badly battered in a storm and sprang a leak. Her crew worked hard to bale the water out in an effort to keep her afloat until help came. After many hours of continuous hard work, they were on the verge of collapse and had almost given up hope of being rescued when the Graciosa was sighted some distance off, and it was lucky for them that she observed their distress signals, and effected their rescue in the nick of time.

THE FOODSTUFFS BILL.

Penalty Increased to \$500.

THIRD READING.

London, Yesterday.
The House of Commons, after agreeing to an increase of the cash penalty from £100 to £500, passed the third reading of the Foodstuffs Bill (Prevention of Exploitation).
This Bill empowers the Board of Trade to take such action as may be necessary to prevent improper attempts being made to bring about a shortage of supplies or increase in price.
People convicted of offences under this Bill may be imprisoned for three months, fined £500 or both, and the merchandise concerned is liable to forfeiture.—Reuter.

MUI TSAI CASE.

First Under Amended Ordinance.

(Before Mr. Schofield.)

A case, the first of its kind under Amended Ordinance 13 of 1929, Section 45A, which deals with illegal transaction of mui tsais, was heard this morning. The defendant was a Chinese woman, Tsung Sui-lin, who pleaded guilty.
For the prosecution, Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, said he had brought the case more as a warning than anything else, and would be perfectly satisfied with a nominal penalty, or even a caution.
The case came to notice through the defendant sending the girl to be registered as a mui tsai. She was bought by the defendant for \$50 about the middle of August last. He did not think she had done any work yet, but her mistress had apparently wished her to be a mui tsai when she grew older.

"The main point I stress," said Mr. MacFadyen, "is that these casual transactions of either girls or boys are now absolutely illegal." The only justification they now had was strictly limited, namely proper adoption or adoption with a view to marriage. If these transactions were allowed to continue, they might lead to grave abuses. The defendant could buy the girl if she made her a mui tsai later.

His Worship remarked the main point was that the whole thing came to light through the defendant.
Replying, Mr. MacFadyen said the part that defendant played in the transaction was very small. The bigger part was played by defendant's servant, who at present was sick in the country and very likely would not be coming here. The defendant had signified her intention of finding the girl's parents and sending her back to them.

His Worship administered a caution.

Unregistered Mui Tsai.
For keeping an unregistered mui tsai at 19 Catchick Street, a married woman, Wu Luk, was fined \$25. It was stated by Sub-Inspec-

ANOTHER AMERICAN GESTURE?

Relief For World's Depression.

SECRET CONCLAVE.

New York, Yesterday.
An important announcement bearing on the current world-wide depression is expected from Washington within a few hours, according to the New York Times, as a result of plans made on Sunday night, when a small group of Wall Street bankers conferred with President Hoover very secretly.

Four of the country's most powerful financiers, Mr. George Whitney, of the J. P. Morgan Company, Mr. A. H. Wiggin, chairman of the Chase National Bank, Mr. Charles E. Mitchell, chairman of the National City Bank, and Mr. William C. Potter, president of the Guaranty Trust Company, conferred on the subject yesterday at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, while it is reported from Washington that Mr. Hoover has called a conference of leaders of both political parties, similar to that called before the announcement of the one year moratorium.—Reuter's American Service.

Moratorium Extension Talk Premature.

Washington, Yesterday.
Mr. Hoover's statement on the Administration's efforts to remedy the economic crisis is not expected until to-morrow.

The conference of politicians at White House this evening dealt principally with the domestic situation, and though the European situation will undoubtedly also be considered, Wall Street believes that the rumours that an extension of the moratorium will be decided are at least for the present premature.—Reuter's American Service.

Sweeping measures to ease financial credits has been advocated by President Hoover at the extraordinary White House session which was attended by the highest officials.—Reuter's American Service.

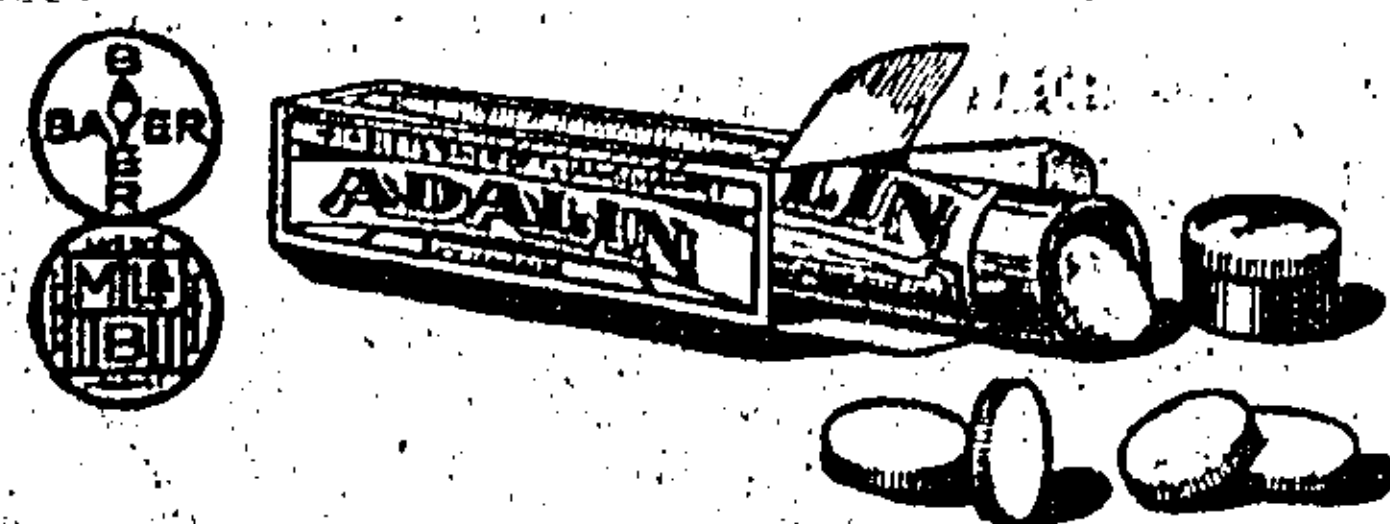
SENSELESS OUTRAGE

97 Pigs Butchered.

Cheung San, a vegetable gardener, of Ma King Tau Village, Hang Hau, reported to the Police this morning last night some twenty Chinese entered his pig sty at Hang Hau, which is owned by Lee Koi, a pig dealer of Saiwanho Market, and said that the pigs were Japanese pigs commenced slaughtering them. At the time there were 97 pigs in the sty.

tor Fraser, of the S.C.A. that the girl's work consisted of sweeping floors, running errands, and cleaning spittoons. The woman claimed the girl to be her distant niece. The girl was handed over to the defendant by a clanswoman on the death of her husband three or four years ago. The girl, said Inspector Fraser, wanted to go back to her mistress!

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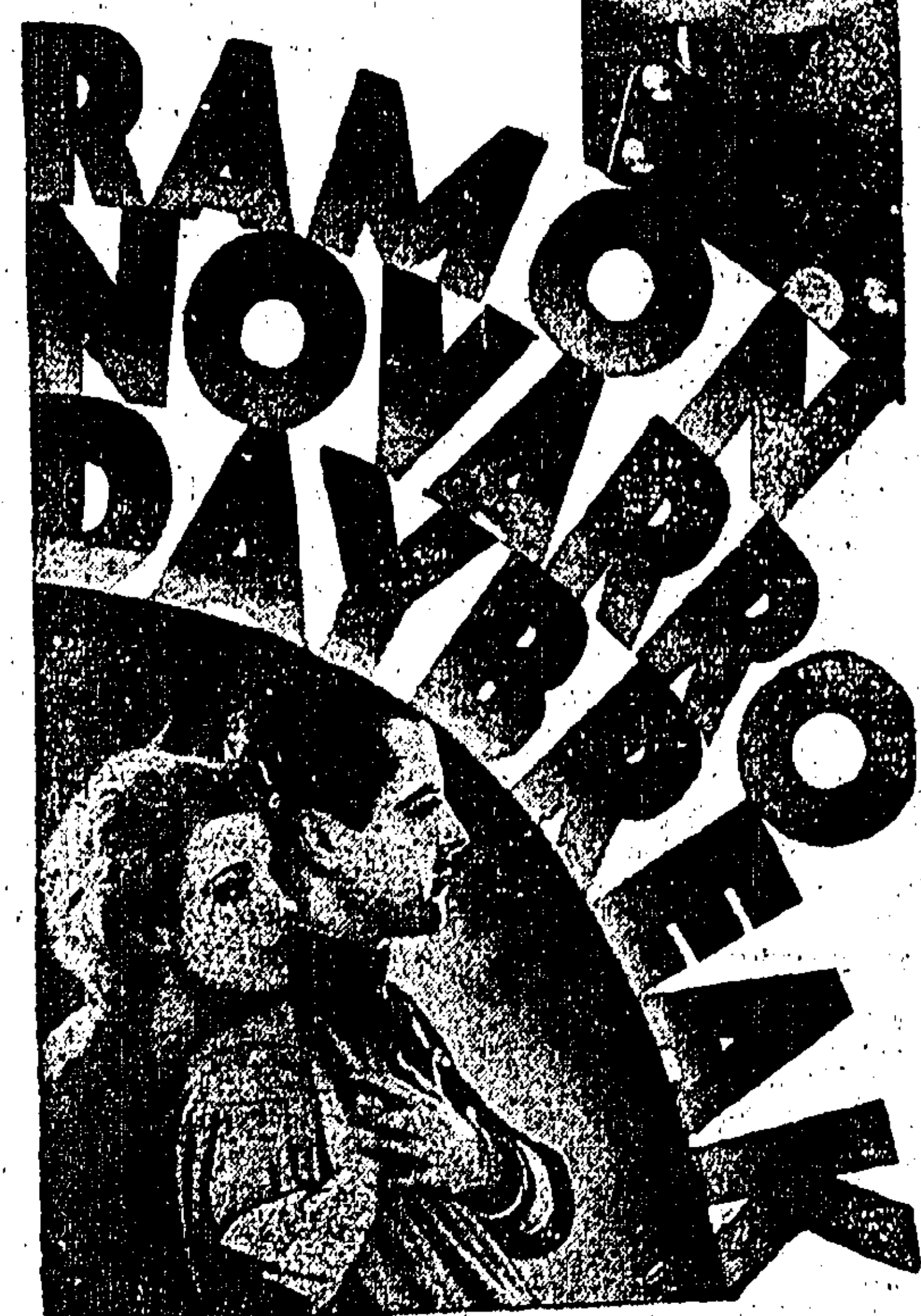
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